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Sons of Italy completes \$100,000 park donation

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — At the last Board of Selectmen meeting in February, Sons of Italy President John Romano presented a \$50,000 check donation to the Town of Wilmington for the Yentile Farm Recreational Facility. This was the second installment of the \$100,000 that the organization committed to contribute toward the building of the park and its structures.

The park at Yentile Farm Recreational Facility, located at 9 Cross St., has been open since 2017. Current Town Manager Jeff Hull explained that it was in the early 2000s when then Town Manager Michael Caira made a deal with the bank to purchase the 20-acre parcel from a developer who had planned to put in housing. Instead of bringing in more traffic to the area around Routes 38 and 129, the town turned the land into a park.

The Yentile Farm Recreational Development Committee was created to put together a design plan for the park and to hire an architect. Over the course

of five years, they gained community support and saw all of the development finished.

Judy O'Connell, former committee member and former selectman, expanded upon the intensive public process that the committee went through to finish the park in public forums and feedback sessions with residents, organizations, and other elected and appointed boards.

"[The committee] had to go through Town Meeting for appropriation of the funds we needed twice during the process," she added.

Because the committee itself could not fundraise, the Friends of 9 Cross St. was made to gather donations from the community on behalf of the park. Hull recalled that individuals were invited to sponsor bricks on the walkway for their donations.

"People could also purchase and have their name put on a bench inside the park," he continued.

Besides the Sons of Italy, Hull shared that the park has received donations from a large number of community groups, includ-

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Chromebooks distributed to elementary families

By LIZZIE MCDERMOTT
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — Wilmington Superintendent of Schools Glenn Brand thanked director of technology and digital learning for spearheading an effort to distribute Chromebooks to elementary school students. Wilmington students of all ages are currently adjusting to remote learning in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"It is well understood that not every family perhaps has access to a device," said Brand.

He noted that secondary level students already have access to Chromebooks, due to the 1:1 Chromebook program in place at Wilmington Middle School and Wilmington High School. There is no such program currently in place at the elementary schools, so families would have otherwise had to rely upon their own devices to participate in remote learning.

According to Brand, the effort undertaken by Lord and the technology and digital learning team took two weeks to implement. Staff members had gathered, cleaned, readied, and deployed 197 chrome-

books as of April 8, and were scheduled to distribute another 25 the following day.

"So thank you to Ken, and his efforts," said Brand.

Brand also highlighted the efforts of other departments in the district to ease the transition for students and their families. Food services is currently offering bagged meals for families with a grab and go curbside pickup system at Wilmington High School. Meals are offered on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

"A tremendous, huge thank you and shout out to Mary Palen of food services and her staff," said Brand. "This program is growing every time it's up and running."

Over the course of nine days, Brand noted an average of 204 bags were served each day.

Additionally, Brand noted that individual schools were all endeavoring to continue to foster interconnectedness among the community even during the time of physical separation. Staff at the Boutwell school produced a video for their students,

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Tree falls, injures man



▲ Shawsheen Avenue in Wilmington: As reported to this photographer by neighbors, the resident was coming down his side stairway while on the phone with tree management service when pine tree limbs came down on him. Resident was taken to hospital with non-life threatening injuries. (photos: BruceHilliard.com)

Wildwood Support Services displaces Arts Center

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — When school is ready to reopen, the Wilmington Arts Center building will be repurposed to house student support services for the Wildwood School, as decided by Town Manager Jeff Hull. The state

of the space for student support services, according to Hull, is that 15 student support employees at the Wildwood were confined to two former classrooms.

What he calls student support services are counselors working with students who have specific educational needs or

accommodations. These individuals were operating without privacy for parent conversations about their Wildwood students. Hull added that there also was no room to hold student records in the school.

After considering the space available in other schools in town, the arts

center was determined to be the only place that could accommodate the student supports services need.

"It certainly wasn't something that I wanted to do, but at the end of the day, it becomes a matter of trying to accommodate

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Classroom placements to be released in August

By LIZZIE MCDERMOTT
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — The suspense of learning class placements will be extended a few extra months for Wilmington elementary school students, according to Superintendent Glenn Brand.

Brand noted that an-

nouncing fall class placements at the end of the school year has posed logistical challenges for the district. He stated that some other districts in the area delay releasing placement information until Aug. 1, to provide additional time to make sure "everything is in place and the system

or context has not changed."

"Sometimes there are a variety of things that happen behind the scenes from the time at which school comes to an end to the time that school opens," he said.

Brand stated that the new plan has been made with the cooperation of

school leaders in the district.

"We've had a number of discussions with our elementary principals, they are on board with this," Brand said. "...we know this will be a shift, or a change, with our Wilmington community."

CLASSROOM | PAGE A2W

By LIZZIE MCDERMOTT
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — The search to replace Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Staff De-

School staffing searches continue virtually

velopment Brian Reagan has begun. Reagan had previously announced his intention to leave the district at the end of this year.

According to Superintendent of Schools Glenn Brand at a School Committee meeting on April 8, the search committee gathered on that morning (April 8) with Director of Human Resources Andrea Stern-Armstrong.

"They have met at least once, maybe twice virtually," said Brand, noting that the candidate pool currently has more than 40 members and that the selection process for interview offers is ongoing.

"For the most part we're on course," Brand said. "We had to adjust it slightly, as I'm sure you can imagine and appreciate."

The first interviews were slated to begin last week.

"Of course I'll keep you apprised of this as we move forward," Brand said to the School Committee.

Brand also updated the committee on the search for a Principal for the West Intermediate School. According to Brand, the search committee had been formed prior to the district-wide disruption and shift to virtual meetings. He said the commit-

tee has not been slowed by this change.

"Their work resembles exactly what would have happened," he stated.

Brand stated that the group identified three candidates to move forward, though one of these three finalists took position in another district. He named the two remaining candidates as Paula Jones and Edward Foster.

Virtual site visits to Wilmington were scheduled with each of these candidates for April 9. Virtual site visits to the candidates' home districts were in the process of being scheduled at the time of the meeting.

Committee member Jay Samaha noted that he would like to ensure future search committees have more complete representation from middle school and high school teachers, a concern with which Brand said he agreed.

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Statement on situation at AdviniaCare in Wilmington

WILMINGTON — Seven residents at AdviniaCare, a Wilmington nursing home, have died due to the coronavirus while another 77 have tested positive. The home had been the target for a transition to COVID-19 only care just a couple of weeks ago.

"Our thoughts are with the families who have lost a relative and we are hoping for a speedy recovery for those who have tested positive, most of whom remain asymptomatic at this time," said Chris Hanon, COO of Pointe Group Care.

In a statement, local politicians and officials said,

"We are painfully aware of the ongoing situation at AdviniaCare in Wilmington, and join together in expressing our condolences to those who have lost loved ones, and support for the families and residents of the facility who remain isolated from each other.

"We have been closely monitoring the conditions at this location, and are intensifying our efforts to not only obtain accurate and timely information, but also to secure and coordinate the efforts of all relevant state and local agencies to provide any and all appropriate re-

sources to support the health and safety of patients and staff at the site, regardless of the their health status, needs or COVID-19 diagnosis."

This statement is made on behalf of and with the collaboration of the following:

- Senator Bruce Tarr
- Representative David Robertson
- Wilmington Board of Selectmen Chair Greg Bendel
- Representative Ken Gordon
- Wilmington Town Manager Jeff Hull
- Wilmington Board of Health



▲ Hope and Love. Advinia Care in Wilmington has many COVID - 19 cases. (photo: BruceHilliard.com)



▲ Gerry and Susan Bruno met in 1968 when they both worked at Mass Rehab in Kenmore Square, in the building that houses the famous Citgo Sign! They tied the knot in 1974 at St. Joseph's church in Union Square, Somerville, on a day very similar to this past Saturday (cool but sunny!). After getting married, they lived in Woburn, North Reading and Somerville before moving to Wilmington in 1974. It was there at the house they still reside in that they raised their two kids, Marc and Elaine, and continue to enjoy their retirement years with their fantastic neighbors. They were greeted this past Saturday with a car parade of family and friends to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary! They were greeted with their wedding song of "More" by Andy Williams as they exited their house to be showered by the car parade. They were overjoyed by the outpouring of love they received that day! (photos:BruceHilliard.com)



◀ Showing love at a distance. Friends and family lined up to surprise the happy couple. Erik Simmons (son-in-law) and one of two daughters, Adelynn, lead the pack!



▲ Amy Carroll and the Easter Bunny parading around Wilmington.



◀ Jake Carr with his mom Maureen in the Wilmington Bunny Parade.

(photos: Bruce Hilliard.com)

It's Your Money by Todd Brisbois



TAXPAYERS WHO CAN'T PAY THEIR TAXES SHOULD STILL FILE ON TIME

With the April tax filing due date just a few days away, taxpayers should remember to both file and pay any taxes they owe by the deadline. Taxpayers who do not file and pay in a timely manner will see their tax debt grow. In fact, penalties and interest can cause a taxpayer's debt to grow by more than thirty percent in just a few months.

Here are some tips for taxpayers who owe tax, but who can't immediately pay their tax bill:

File your return or request an extension of time to file by the April deadline.

Taxpayers who owe tax and do not file their return on time or request an extension may face a failure-to-file penalty for not filing on time.

Pay as much as possible by the April due date.

Whether they are filing a return or requesting an extension, taxpayers must pay their bill in full by the April filing deadline. Taxpayers who do not pay their taxes on time will face a failure-to-pay penalty. Taxpayers should remember that an extension of time to file is not an extension of time to pay.

Set up a payment plan as soon as possible.

Taxpayers who owe, but cannot pay in full by the deadline don't have to wait for a tax bill to request a payment plan. Taxpayers can apply for a payment plan on IRS.gov. Taxpayers can also submit a payment plan request in writing using Form 9465, Installment Agreement Request.

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COVID-19 delaying classroom placements for some

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Committee member MJ Byrnes asked if this would leave teachers with less time to prepare to accommodate students with individualized education programs (IEPs).

"I just wanted to make sure there's ample time for the staff to be familiar with the makeup of their classroom," Byrnes said.

Brand responded that students would be tentatively placed in the spring, but while teachers would be made aware of the

information families would not be. If a logistical issue with class placement took place at that point, students could be moved behind the scenes.

"After a placement is made, and that's announced to a family and a student, it's very difficult to make that change after that," said Brand.

Committee member David Ragsdale noted that Wilmington Middle School scheduling information and had been released to students later in the summer this year. He asked

whether this information would also be released at the same time as elementary placements in the coming year.

Assistant Superintendent Brian Reagan noted that, due to leadership changes, information for middle school students had faced delays.

"This past year I know it was much later than we would want," Reagan said.

He stated that he could foresee no reason it would not be released earlier this year.

Brand added that the

district was planning on aligning placement information for students across all grade levels this year, and releasing student handbook information at the same time.

"Our thought is to be able to push this out as a package, as you will," Brand said.

Ragsdale praised the district's plan to align school supply requirements by grade level, and release that information earlier in the summer.

"This is a small thing but a good thing," Ragsdale said.

Billerica man arrested on attempted murder charge

WILMINGTON — Police Chief Joseph Desmond reports that the Wilmington Police Department has arrested a Billerica man and charged him in connection with a serious assault and battery which occurred on Saturday, April 11, 2020

On April 13, 2020, 33-year old, Ryan Thomas of Billerica was arrested by Wilmington Police Department with the assistance of the Billerica Police Department, following an investigation by the Wilmington Police Criminal Bureau.

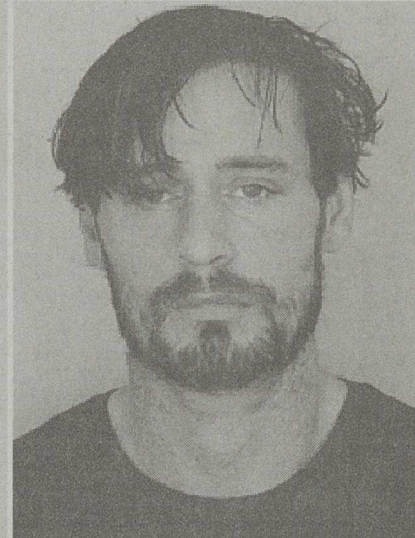
Thomas is being charged with violation of MGL 265/18/C Armed Assault with Intent to Mur-

der, MGL 265/15A/D Assault & Battery With Dangerous Weapon and MGL 265/13A/B Assault & Battery.

The arrest was made as the result of an altercation that occurred in the Market Basket parking lot on April 11, 2020

On April 11, 2020, Wilmington Police officers were dispatched to the Wilmington Plaza located at 260 Main St. for the report of a physical altercation, which occurred in the parking lot in front of Market Basket at approximately, 7:30 p.m. The Market Basket store was closed at the time.

Shortly after receiving the report of the altercation in front of Market



▲ RYAN THOMAS (Courtesy photo)

town for the report of a 42-year old male party who had been stabbed multiple times.

The male party claimed that he was stabbed during an altercation in front of Market Basket, shortly before calling 911. The male party was treated and transported by Wilmington Fire to Lahey Hospital and Medical Center in Burlington. The male party is expected to survive.

Basket, Wilmington Police and Fire were dispatched to a residence in

History:

Wilmington men responded to 1775 Concord alarm

By LARZ F. NEILSON

The holiday known as Patriots' Day marks the anniversary of the Battle of Concord and Lexington.

While the Fourth of July celebrates the signing of the Declaration of Independence, marking the formal separation from England, Patriots' Day commemorates the first battle of the Revolutionary War. And yet Patriots' Day is only a state holiday, and a Monday holiday at that.

There were a great many Wilmington men who responded for the call to arms on the night of April 18-19, 1775. And while Concord and Lexington are not in Wilmington's back yard, they are close neighbors. The Minute Men from Wilmington had only 17 miles to march that night.

Boston and the towns of Eastern Massachusetts were hotbeds of action in the period leading up to the Revolutionary War. The Boston Massacre and the Boston Tea Party are well-known events that occurred in the years before the actual fighting began.

The division between the colonists and the King began over the issue of taxation. About 1761, the British began an effort to be more efficient in collecting taxes on molasses on ships entering the port of Boston. Molasses might not seem like much of an issue, unless you consider that it was used to make rum, which meant that a lot of molasses went through the port.

Subsequently, more taxes

were implemented. In 1765, the Stamp Act placed a tax on all documents. That same year, riots broke out. In one instance, a mob attacked the Boston home of the tax collector, doing considerable damage. Soon thereafter, the home of the lieutenant governor was targeted, with severe damage.

The Stamp Act was repealed on Feb. 22, 1766, which resulted in a wild celebration when word reached Boston three months later. But parliament soon replaced the Stamp Act with the Townshend Act, placing taxes on goods going through the port.

In 1768, the ship Liberty, owned by Hancock, arrived in Boston with a cargo of wine. The captain declared it to be of much less volume than was true, and when an inspector arrived aboard to check the amount, the crew seized him and nailed him in a cabin. He was held there until the excess wine was unloaded.

On Oct. 1, 1768, British troops arrived in Boston, initiating what became known as the Occupation.

Things continued to heat up, leading to the Boston Massacre, on March 5, 1770. A mob of Yankees had surrounded a British patrol, which had come to the rescue of a sentry. Although the patrol officer did not give an order to fire, a shot was fired, and the eight soldiers fired into the crowd. Five men were killed.

Probably the best-known event leading up to the Re-

volution came on Dec. 16, 1771. Hundreds of Yankees dressed as Mohawk Indians raided three tea ships at Griffin's Wharf on the Boston waterfront. In three hours, they cleaned the ships of tea, dumping the tea and chests into the harbor. The event, known as the Boston Tea Party, came to symbolize the colonists' despise for British taxes. The British, who do enjoy their tea, did not enjoy the tea party. There were demands for payment for the tea and for punishment of the ringleaders.

The matter of payment for the tea became quite a cause for the British, to the point where they closed the port of Boston as punishment. The Port Act took effect on June 1, 1774, and later that month, two more regiments of British troops arrived in Boston, swelling the military ranks to 4,000 in a town of only 17,000.

In the winter of 1775, the colonists in Massachusetts towns formed committees of men who would respond at a minute's notice, should a call to arms go out. They were known as the Minute Men.

On Feb. 25, 1775, the first such call came forth in Salem. General Gage, the British commander in Boston, ordered troops to seize 19 cannon which patriots had collected at Salem Forge. The British sailed to Marblehead, then marched to Salem.

The residents of Salem had been alerted by a rider, though, and set to work moving the cannon. When the British troops arrived,

there was little they could do. The bridge they had to cross was drawn, and all boats had been taken to the opposite shore. The British were able to negotiate an arrangement where they were allowed to cross the bridge, but they could not go within 150 yards of the cannon.

Not a shot was fired, but the event was not without significance. The British had tipped their hand, and the patriots knew their alarm system worked. Another point was that the British believed that the Colonists would not shoot.

There were other British incursions into the countryside, seeking stores of powder, cannon and muskets.

But the raid that began on the evening of April 18 was different. British troops headed for Lexington in hopes of capturing two prominent leaders of the revolutionary movement, John Hancock and Samuel Adams.

Adams, a maltmeister, was a church deacon in Boston and unquestionably the strongest leader in the Sons of Liberty. Hancock was a well-known merchant, better described as a smuggler, and a very wealthy one at that.

The movement of British troops in Boston were closely watched, and riders were ready to alert the countryside should movement become imminent. On the evening of April 18, William Dawes set out on horseback by way of Boston Neck. Paul Revere, meanwhile, had a church deacon display two lanterns in the steeple of Old North Church, giving the famous "One if by land, two if by sea" signal. The British troops were crossing the Charles River. Revere also crossed the Charles, borrowed a horse, and set forth on his famous ride.

Hancock and Adams were at Clarke's Tavern in Lexington, and that is where the British hoped to find them. And once Revere had warned them, Hancock and Adams at first said they would not flee. Before long, however, they were convinced that they were more valuable to the cause if they were kept alive. They left in a

carriage for Woburn. Later they went to Billerica.

Wilmington had two groups that responded, although not everyone was from Wilmington. The Militia, under Capt. Timothy Walker, had about 50 men. The Minute Men, commanded by Capt. Cadwallader Ford, Jr. consisted of 27 men.

In the wee hours of April 19, a rider alerted residents that the British were on the march. The Minute Men gathered at their training ground, a field at the corner of Federal Street and Middlesex Avenue. The town had no common at that time. From there they marched to Bedford, joining along the way with other Minute Men.

The British troops, meanwhile, had arrived at Lexington, where a skirmish ensued and eight Minute Men were killed. The British then proceeded to Concord, where they took positions on two bridges. By that time, hundreds of Minute Men were swarming to the battle. At Old North Bridge, the British troops were backed up to the bridge by hundreds of Minute Men. No order was given to fire, but the British fired, killing two Yankees, and wounding a drummer. The Yankees returned the fire, killing three soldiers and wounding four. The British then started their march back to Boston.

At Bedford, the Minute Men from Wilmington learned of the skirmish at Lexington, and were told that the British had proceeded to Concord. Col. Ebenezer Bridge of Billerica took command of the several groups of Minutemen, and ordered them to Meriam's Farm in Concord, at a point where the road crossed a bridge.

Shortly after noon, the British came marching down the road. At Meriam's Corner, they had to form a narrow column to cross a bridge. The Minute Men took advantage of this formation and opened fire. From then on, it was virtually a shooting gallery for the Minute Men, firing from positions alongside the road.

The British troops, whose uniforms and equipment were more for show than

for battle, dropped their packs and ran.

The British finally reached Lexington, where they were able to regroup and await reinforcements. But those reinforcements were delayed through a series of snafus.

The reinforcements were hardly enough to stop the carnage for the British. They limped back into Cambridge, where they were at last under the protection of the guns of the warship Samoset.

The Minute Men also had a case of delayed troops that day. The Minute Men from Salem and Marblehead stood and waited, while their captain awaited orders that never came. They arrived a half hour after the British reached Cambridge.

The Americans suffered heavy casualties that day, but the British fared much worse. There were 49 Americans killed, and 39 were wounded. The British lost 73 men, and 174 were wounded.

One of the Minute Men who responded from Wilmington that day was Daniel Gowing, who lived on what is now Park Street. His house still stands, and has for many years been the home of the Andersens. Gowing, as he departed his house early that morning on horseback, pulled a sapling as a switch. When he returned home that night, the switch was still in the saddle of his horse. He planted the sapling near his house, and it became known as the Lexington Elm. It lived for nearly 150 years, and was finally cut down about the time of World War I.

Capt. Cadwallader Ford, Jr. became a courier in the Revolutionary War, replacing Paul Revere, who had become too well-known to the British.

The Minute Men companies were soon disbanded, and many of the men then fought in the Continental Army.

Many of Wilmington's Minute Men are buried in Wildwood Cemetery, in the lot next to the old Town Hall. The late William Meyer, a longtime member of the re-created Wilmington Company of Minute Men, did an exhaustive study of the grave sites.

OBITUARY

James E. Miranda, Sr.

Local 25 Teamster U.S. Postal truck driver

James Edward Miranda Sr., age 54, a Local 25 Teamster U.S. Postal Service truck driver, died unexpectedly early Wednesday morning, April 8.

He was the beloved husband and best friend of Linda M. (Gower) Miranda, with whom he had celebrated an eleven-year wedding anniversary this past Jan. 16.

Jim was born at the Chelsea Naval Hospital in 1965, one of seven children of Concetta (Riccio) Miranda of Tewksbury and the late Joaquin Miranda Jr. He lived in Tewksbury his entire life, and had graduated from Shawshen Valley Technical Vocational High School with the Class of 1984.

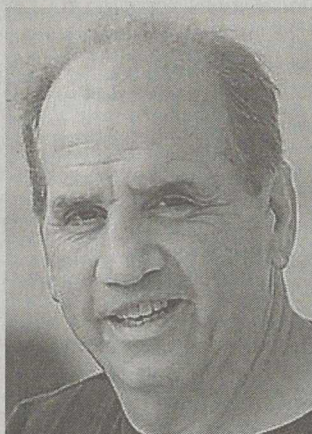
His work career began as a self-employed plaster contractor in home construction. He began his truck driving career at Tewksbury Masonry, and later joined the U.S. Postal Service as a truck driver based at the South Boston Regional Mail Facility. He was a member of AFL-CIO Teamster's Local 25 of Boston.

Jimmy enjoyed touring and long rides upon his

Harley-Davidson Motorcycle. He was a lifelong member of St. William's Church, and a member of the Fr. Coppen's Council, Knights of Columbus, Council 4336 in Tewksbury.

He was also a member of the Tyngsborough Sportsmen's Club, where he was a kitchen staffer and organizer at the club's annual Senior Citizen's dinners.

Besides his wife and mother, he leaves four children: Jessica Sigman and her spouse Jason of Lowell, James E. Miranda Jr., of Amesbury, Alicia Millward and her spouse Mike Townsend of Nashua, NH, Gina Miranda and her spouse Chad Sheridan of Middleton; four adored grandchildren: Hailey and Jacob Sigman, Justin Miranda and Julian Miranda; six siblings: Joaquin "Jack" and his wife Laurel (Jay) Miranda of Tyngsborough, Concetta "Connie" and her husband Bruce Sweet of Windham, NH, Joseph and his wife Nina (Reynolds) Miranda of Wilmington, Carolann and her husband Stephen Holmberg of Tyngsborough, Cathleen Miranda of Tewksbury,



and John Miranda of Draught; and was uncle "Donut Man" to numerous nieces and nephews, grand-nieces and grand-nephews.

Due to coronavirus concerns, funeral services with burial in Tewksbury Cemetery are private. A "Celebration of Life" memorial will be announced when the crisis has passed.

In lieu of flowers, memorials to the Tewksbury Hospital Patient Recreation Fund, 365 East St., Tewksbury, MA 01876 are encouraged. The Tewksbury Funeral Home is honored to serve the Miranda family.

Visit: tewksburyfuneralhome.com

Aronson helping fix N95 masks at Tufts Medical

BOSTON — Tewksbury resident James Aronson is on the front line helping repair N95 masks sent to Tufts Medical Center from a private donor back in March.

Even though the masks arrived still wrapped in their original packaging, the elastic chords were frayed and easily broken. Therefore, Aronson and others at Tufts had to find a way to repair them.

With the need for masks, especially those marked

N95, in great demand, many students answered the call, along with members of the military already at Tufts volunteering their logistics expertise due to the coronavirus pandemic.

But it wasn't just Tufts students who showed up, as students from MIT and Harvard also came together to find a solution to the problem.

They found miles of new elastic and set up an assembly line within class-

rooms at Tufts Dental School.

A spokesperson for the school said in a statement, "We are extremely grateful to the military fellows and students at the Fletcher School at Tufts University for their time and dedication in repairing approximately 6,000 N95 masks for us to add to our stockpile."

Students have already fixed a couple thousand of the masks so far.

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OPINION



Letters to the editor

Firefighter outlines reasons for new fire station

To the Town of Tewksbury Planning Board and all else who's desk/table this may cross:

First off, allow me the opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Timothy Mancusi, and I am employed by the Town of Tewksbury as a firefighter/EMT. I will tell you that I did not grow up in Tewksbury, but did live in the community that I have come to serve for approximately 11 years, and did consider myself to be part of that community.

Recent changes in my life have caused me to relocate, and unfortunately can no longer participate in the civic responsibility residents can, and should, participate in. However, my freedoms of speech and free thought have compelled me to write this letter, as often the opinion and input of those who carry out the work and bear the responsibility of the ideas and wishes of councils and boards, quite frequently go unheard or are dismissed.

I am the son of a union man. A hard-working, blue-collar man, who did his best to keep his family cared for and not wanting. Because of his dedication and hard work, I was able to take advantage of life's opportunities, such as education, and perusing my ultimate desire of becoming a professional firefighter.

During my 18 year pursuit of this career, I have obtained a Bachelors degree from Suffolk University (Cum Laude), successfully completed the Carpentry Apprenticeship Program in Massachusetts — where I was selected to represent my local union in a skills competition, successfully graduated from the Middlesex Sheriff's Academy as Valedictorian, and most recently, successfully completed the Massachusetts Firefighter Academy.

Throughout this journey I have met many good people and have made many friendships and connections. I tell you these things to give you a better idea of the person writing this letter, someone whom you most likely have never met.

At a time where "normal" is far from normal and tensions are running on high, before you comes the official vote of pushing forward with the construction of a new Center Fire Station. As we all have our own thoughts and beliefs regarding appearance, design, location, use, and overall representation of the town, some of us have the unfortunate experience of knowing/living in the current building and are intimately familiar with its design flaws and general decay.

The building has far outlived its use, and is harboring conditions not suitable for human habitation. Lack of basic necessities and health concerns include: insufficient hot water/heat, clean air/ventilation, mold and rodent infestation, not to mention harmful construction materials such as asbestos

containing products.

The town fire station, a beacon of service in the community for all those in need, houses the men and women that happily give up holidays, nights, weekends, and time with family and friends to do a job they were called to do. These same men and women work through the pain and suffering of the people of Tewksbury, the long sleepless nights, and are concerned for the health of the people we love.

We show up, we do our jobs, and we make our townspeople proud. On the other side of the coin, is the town's responsibility to provide the equipment, the training, the opportunity to further our knowledge, and the most serious responsibility — keeping us safe.

Obviously "safe" being the maximum investment within the parameters of your capabilities. We understand the dangers and inherent risks of the job, but also believe that the current working conditions and safety issues within our station are unacceptable and present safety and health risks outside the normal scope of our profession.

I ask that the town revisit their responsibilities of keeping not only its employees, but its townspeople safe. The facts show that the current building is not an acceptable place for anyone to live.

I ask, would you stay in your homes if they had as many inherent problems as our home does? The facts also show that the location and design of the proposed building are admittedly also not ideal, but the new building will be safer, more efficient, and will provide opportunity for future improvements that will allow us to better serve the residents and business owners of our community.

As a servant of this community, I am happy to be here at a place and time where I will witness a changing of the guard, and have the opportunity to be part of the next generation/overall story of the Fire Department. Firefighters are proud, determined, and see things though — for the better and for the worse. These are extraordinary times; however, I work alongside extraordinary people, who solve extraordinary problems, everyday.

In closing, in a profession dominated by a "culture of safety," it seems safety is often pushed aside for budgetary reasons, sheer laziness, or simple indifference because "it doesn't effect me."

I urge you to consider the cause and effect of the situation, and to consider the health and safety of the people entrusted with the health and safety of the Town of Tewksbury. Please allow the process of construction for a new Central Fire Station to move forward as presented to you.

Sincerely,
Timothy Mancusi
Firefighter/EMT
Town of Tewksbury

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COVID-19 keeps local residents coping with unknown

By PAUL J. ANDREWS
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Member of Board of Winchester Hospital

I am not sure where most of you are right now in your thinking but for me "enough is enough" as I am shocked to see how well our population has done in this pandemic as they see their family members maybe more than ever. If you live alone, you see yourself in the mirror too much. With the approaching days ahead, we face what some sources report as the most serious time for COVID-19 in this pandemic for Mass.

Who do you believe?

We seem to be hearing the worst days of this pandemic are ahead of us which means more working at home, walking the block, reading a book and waiting for the president's afternoon status report on the pandemic. The strangest situation to me is that these predictions for many people are so abstract as opposed to the clear weather predictions that are made with visuals to observe the rain, snow, etc. moving south to north, west to east along with the wind projections which you will feel and see for the most part on the days and times predicted.

Not for COVID-19 as it is unseen and not predictable and seems to be

growing with tracers identified as likely sites being wherever larger clusters of people are found as for example New York City, but on the other hand we see a large number of cases coming in other small states apparently from those who were in sites like those referenced or in contact with people who were carriers. Let me point out that the percent of local folks Sunday wearing masks is up big time to 75 percent approximately from last week

Soldiers Home Fire

Having had a great impression of the beautiful Soldiers Home in Holyoke and passing the area on my many travels to Northampton, one would have a feeling that the culture inside would be similar to the landscape you see of a military site one could be proud of, but something went terribly wrong inside the walls of that structure. We will learn more in the weeks and months ahead but overall leadership and owners need to answer some pretty hard questions with the first being "how did this happen?"

When the first case(s) was/were known who took what action? Somewhere this had to happen with one or two cases and took off from there. Who made a report to their superiors and what action was taken to these former military members who deserved utmost respect not disregard? Finally,

what happens to the patients who lived in that facility?

Local dispatchers

I have been struck with how much pressure COVID-19 has placed on local fire and police dispatchers who always do such a great job but now they need to listen to some of the hardest calls reporting a family member needing assistance and has symptoms. They need to be precise, as brief as possible and be able to translate all of that into action steps for those to be dispatched to a location with any added data that they get from families on second or follow-up calls. These type of possible Covid-19 calls are so vital, as well as taking dozens of other emergency calls, taking place in our Town Crier area. They receive a big rave in this column for doing their behind the scene jobs so well.

Just some notes and morning pulse extractions

Agnes Carson's tribute in the form of a parade on Warren Avenue in Woburn and citation from Mayor Galvin on her reaching 102 made my week. Agnes and Jim lived for many years with my mom and dad on Green Street in Woburn and they had to be the finest people in the world. Agnes and Jim were so very special.

Jim was a high ranking state official and served for several years as a state agency leader. The Senior Center in Yarmouth on Cape Cod is named after Jim.

Agnes was involved in the many areas of social work and was considered very special and a most competent professional. One has to praise a fabulous family for making this day happen.

Some extractions for the week include the following: Social Security is tapped more in downturn; Medicare recipients can still see a doctor through telemedicine; Vermont private doctors go remote during coronavirus pandemic; One-third of Americans missed rent payments in April; Millennials are really stepping up for their aging parents; Amazon might fire workers who break social distancing rules; Gasoline is cheap, too bad we can't use it; From wills to estate planning, now can be a perfect time to look after legal affairs; Alzheimer's trial screening data links high amyloid levels with early stage disease; The soaring US unemployment rate could approach the Great Depression era levels; Wall St. slashes job postings; The coronavirus pandemic is going to trigger a second healthcare crisis and the popular Zoom admits some calls were routed through China by mistake.

Feel free to e-mail me at andrews@massupt.org

Residents stepping up to help community pantry

Dear Tewksbury community:

These are uncertain times. The coronavirus pandemic has markedly changed all of our lives and disrupted our regular routines in a big way. Social isolation has forced us to avoid interaction with many. However, that isolation has apparently not caused people in Tewksbury to lose sight of the greater good.

History has shown repeatedly that in times of great difficulty, there are often people who rise to the

occasion. This pandemic is proving to be no different. The news nationally and locally has reported multiple stories of people going out of their way to assist others in unique and heartfelt ways.

Tewksbury is no different. The Tewksbury Community Pantry has been the beneficiary of many examples of that generosity and concern over the last few weeks. Our community has demonstrated its certain and firm commitment to those less fortunate among us through

multiple group and individual efforts to raise food or monetary donations directed to the community pantry.

There are too many examples to cite here, and we do not want to exclude anyone, so please know that we are extremely grateful for all the support that has been provided to us.

We also are keenly aware that many food banks throughout the region are experiencing increased demand from the economic fallout of this pandemic. Be assured that we are

committed to providing needed support to all Tewksbury residents in need and want to thank the entire community for its partnership in helping us achieve that goal.

Despite all the uncertainty surrounding us, we remain certain that Tewksbury will once again help us to meet this obligation.

Stay safe and healthy,
The Board of Directors
Tewksbury Community Pantry, Inc.

Five students named to Dean's List at RIT

ROCHESTER, NY — Elizabeth Harvey of Wilmington was named to the Dean's List at Rochester Institute of Technology for the 2019 Fall Semester. Harvey is in the mechanical engineering technology program.

Others named to the Dean's List include:
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- Ben Froment, who is in the computer science program.
- Paige Norris, who is in the biology program.
- Robert Blodgett, who is in the supply chain management program.
- Matthew Cocca, who is in the chemical engineering program.
- Degree-seeking under-

graduate students are eligible for Dean's List if their term GPA is greater than or equal to 3.400; they do not have any grades of "Incomplete", "D" or "F", and they have registered for, and completed, at least 12 credit hours.

Rochester Institute of Technology is home to leading creators, entre-

preneurs, innovators and researchers. Founded in 1829, RIT enrolls about 19,000 students in more than 200 career-oriented and professional programs, making it among the largest private universities in the U.S.

For news, photos and videos, go to www.rit.edu/news.

Book Stew Review

'Carry The One' by Carol Anshaw

By EILEEN MACDOUGALL

Anshaw is a genius at pulling together family and friend strands into a united whole world for the reader, penetrating the depths of all her characters, even the minor ones.

In this novel, we meet three siblings — Alice, Nick, and Carmen — immediately after a disastrous drunk and drugged-driving accident, when a little girl is hit and run over following Carmen's wedding.

With the tragedy opening the novel, we follow what becomes of those who were in the car and

the newlyweds. Alice becomes a famous painter, stuck in a bad groove with her flighty, ambitious girlfriend, Camille's husband eventually divorces her to run off with a missionary, and Nick, alternating between being an addict and an astronomer, holds un-shared secrets about the accident.

As the siblings age, the accident's impact reaches into their lives with amazing force, and the reader will ache for their subsequent good and bad decisions.

Quote: "It was not a good situation when the same person provided the pain and the analgesic."

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OBITUARIES

Sandra P. Curtin

Former Executive Director of WCTV

It is with deep sadness that we announce the death of Sandra P. Curtin, 77, of 293 Salem St., Wilmington, who died the morning of Thursday, April 9, 2020 at Winchester Hospital from the COVID-19 virus.

Sandra is survived by her loving husband, Paul J. Curtin, and they were married on April 14, 1968. Paul and Sandra would have celebrated their 52nd wedding anniversary together this Tuesday — the day Sandra will be laid to rest.

She is also survived by her older daughter, Suzanne Hall, husband Kevin, and granddaughters Olivia and Kassandra Hall of Wilmington, and her younger daughter, Alison Howlett, husband Brett and granddaughter Quinn Howlett, step-grandson Louis Howlett, of Brooklyn, NY and in-laws Margie & Marc Howlett of Melbourne, Australia.

Sandra leaves behind close family members, including her cousin, Carolyn Thorne, of Winchester, who was like a sister to Sandra, and her husband David Thorne. She leaves her sister-in-law, Theresa Jellison of Salem, and brother-in-law Gene and wife Susan Curtin of Salisbury, and cousin Paula and husband Kevin O'Donnell of Winchester, and cousin Rona DePietro of Stoneham.

Sandra was extremely active in town, a compassionate teacher and a loyal supporter of lifelong friends and neighbors from Wilmington where she and Paul have lived in the same house since 1969. Sandra had wonderful relationships with both her daughters' friends — especially, Thierry & Liz Beckers and the "5-Pack" — Stacey, Jackie, Karen and Betsy — and friends from Ocean Park, ME where the Curtin's owned a summer house they called "the cottage" for 35 years.

Sandra Phyllis Staffier was born on Nov. 22, 1942 to Samuel and Annette (Scopa) Staffier, Italian Americans who settled at 19 Upton Terrace, Medford for most of their lives. Sandra grew up an only child and Sam and Ann's pride and joy.

She attended Marycliff Academy in Medford, Class of 1960 and then attended Boston College graduating with a bachelor's degree in Education in 1964.

Sandra was a lifelong educator and community activist. She cherished her time as the school librarian at the Wildwood Elementary School in Wilmington. In her 50s, Sandra went back to school to get her master's degree in Computer Science Education at Lesley University. Following her degree, she taught at St. Augustine's School in Andover where she had a strong bond with the students and teachers and following that role, worked at Andover School of Montessori.

Sandra had a passion for volunteering and spent many years as a dedicated Board Member at WCTV — Wilmington's local cable station — where she produced and directed many shows, programs and events, most notably the annual "Visit with Santa" which continues to this day, with the "support" of her husband who was the one in the red suit (wink, wink).

Sandra eventually earned the role of Executive Director at WCTV and worked there for many years, further committing herself to the people of Wilmington. During that time, she and Paul met Chris, Timmy and Eric — who became close friends of the Curtin family.

Sandra and Paul were honored in 2003 by receiving the Wilmington "Good Guys" Award for their community service to the town, an honor they both cherished dearly. Sandra has always been an avid reader who enjoyed many years with her Book Club friends, including her dear friend, Joanne Poulin, husband Richard Poulin.

As a family, the Curtin's took many trips to the homeland of Sandra's mother-in-law, Mary O'Neill Curtin, in Ireland, as well as traveling throughout England, Wales, Scotland and Italy while the girls were young. During one special trip to Rome, they stayed in the Vatican City, by the kindness of Father Rafferty and Father Daley of St. Thomas Church.

They have a very special group of friends, affectionately the "Wilmington Gang" including Catherine and Dick Dickinson, Tom and Carole Pazyra, Bob and Marylou Ducey, Peggy and Jack Smith, Frank and Barbara



DeVita, and Frank Scalesse and Barbara Skentzos.

She has dear Boston College friends including Jeff Cates, wife Myra Cates, Elinor Downey, husband Paul Downey as well as close friends Joanne Hurley, husband John Hurley.

Sandra faced her life challenges head on, including health issues over the last several years due to Parkinson's disease and getting through brain surgery three years ago for NPH. Through it all, she always kept her bright smile, infectious laugh, gift of gab and positive spirit.

She was dedicated to her family, friends and the community and even until her final moments, she remained kind-hearted and optimistic. Sandra's legacy will shine brightly in our hearts forever especially through all the colorful and entertaining stories from her happy life.

May her memory be a blessing to all who knew her.

In lieu of flowers, you can make a memorial donation in Sandra's name to the Wilmington High School Scholarship Fund at 159 Church Street Wilmington MA 01887.

DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

In respect of the current health crisis and safety of our community, the family will be holding a private burial service on Tuesday, April 14, 2020. Once it is safe again to hold gatherings, the family will announce Sandra's "Celebration of Life" details via Facebook or visit our website at nicholsfuneralhome.com for updated information.

Funeral Arrangements are under the direction of the Nichols Funeral Home, Wilmington.

John B. 'Jack' Lynch

Former WHS assistant principal

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of John B. "Jack" Lynch, 76, of Wilmington. Jack died April 12 from complications from the COVID-19 virus.

Jack is survived by his wife Kathleen and his children Maureen Lynch Costello and her husband Timothy Costello of Salisbury, Karen Lynch Scott and her husband David Scott of Groton and John Lynch and his wife Susan of Needham.

He was the loving papa to four grandchildren: Adam, Brian, Colin and Sadie. Jack is also survived by his sisters Joan M. Sweeney of Salem and Elizabeth A. Lynch of Beverly.

He was predeceased by his sister Sheila M. Lynch of Beverly. He was Uncle Jack to several nieces and nephews.

Jack was born in 1943 to Mary Rita (Bradley) and John Henry Lynch in Peabody. He grew up in Salem and graduated from Salem High School in 1961. He later graduated from Salem State University with both

undergraduate and graduate degrees in education.

A life-long educator, Jack started his teaching career at Wilmington High School in 1965. It was that year, in that school, that he met Kathleen. They married in 1967 and have spent the last 45 years in Wilmington raising a family and being active members of the Wilmington community.

Jack was a 4th degree, life-long member of the Wilmington Knights of Columbus and a long-time member of the Wilmington Lions club.

Jack spent his entire career at Wilmington High School; working first as a math teacher and then as an assistant principal. Fondly referred to as "Mr. Lynch," Jack made a long-lasting impact on the students of WHS for over 20 years before suffering a stroke in 1987 forcing him to retire from the job he loved.

Jack was known for his sense of humor, persistent optimism, love of life, and family. He will be deeply missed.

In lieu of flowers, dona-



tions in John's memory may be made to Whittier Tech Educational Foundation, 115 Amesbury Line Road, Haverhill, MA 01830 or to the Wilmington High School Scholarship Fund, 159 Church Street, Wilmington, MA 01887.

Due to the current situation with the coronavirus and for everyone's safety, the Lynch Family had decided to do a private service at this time.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Nichols Funeral Home, Wilmington, MA.

www.nicholsfuneral.com

Donna Lee (Weber) Nigro

Funeral services to be private

Donna Lee (Weber) Nigro, age 72, of Wilmington, passed away surrounded by her loving family on April 6, 2020.

Donna was the beloved wife of the late Frank P. Nigro, III, devoted mother of Bryan Nigro and his wife Andrea of Wilmington, cherished daughter of the late Carl and Doris (Hanson) Weber, dear sister of Diane Gately and her husband Brian of Melrose and the late Gary Weber and

his wife Elaine of Framingham, aunt of Jeff Blanchard, Alan Gately, Melissa Weber, Christopher Weber, Jeff Huston and Wendy Huston Ryan, loving niece of Edna Hammond of Bellingham.

Donna is also survived by many treasured great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins.

At the family's request, all Funeral Services for Donna will be private.



Gregory Wright

Worked in R&D for Venture Tape and 3M

Gregory Wright of Wilmington succumbed to a brief but virulent bout of cancer on April 3, 2020 at Mass General Hospital in Boston, surrounded by those he loved.

Greg was 47 years old. That was the worst. Everything before was the best.

Greg Wright was born on Jan. 15, 1973 at Lawrence Memorial Hospital in Medford to Amelia and Donald Wright who raised him with all the love any parents could muster.

Greg has two younger brothers barely worth mentioning.

Greg grew up in Methuen amongst a multitude of great friends he kept until the end: Joe, Forge, Brian, Mike, and about 15 Daves.

Greg married Deanna Joyce DeMattia on Sept. 23, 2000, because she is smart, kind, no-nonsense, and tough as nails. They were married in Medford at the First Community United Methodist, a strange little church where people are actually kind to one another.

Greg and Deanna have two children, Maddie and Ben.

Maddie is intelligent, driven, loves the theater, utilizes sound equipment for the noble purpose of quelling civil unrest and always, always, always makes her father proud.

Ben follows in his father's footsteps with his kind heart, his love of movies, and his prodigious ability to research, develop, and build with 3D pens, 3D printers, Legos, and undoubtedly whatever cutting-edge tech-

nology the future holds.

Imbuing Maddie and Ben with his sarcastic sense of humor was Greg's proudest achievement.

Greg graduated with a degree in chemical engineering from UMass Lowell in 1995 and worked in R&D for Venture Tape then 3M before "going to the dark side" and working for MPI Release, researching and developing whatever the opposite of tape is.

Greg lived in Wilmington in a gorgeous house with a gorgeous yard in a gorgeous neighborhood surrounded by wonderful neighbors whom he loved.

Greg loved Sunday night dinners at the Wright house, Tuesday night dinners with the DeMattias', sarcasm, movies ("The Holy Grail" was his favorite), books (Spenser novels), and comic books (ahem... sorry, graphic novels).

Deanna shall honor Greg's profound geekiness by constructing a 30-foot high monument out of the comic book boxes stored in the basement. Ben will no doubt be instrumental in its construction.

Greg is survived by his wife Deanna and their children, Madison and Benjamin; his parents, Donald and Amelia (Bettano) Wright; his two brothers, Ryan, and Kevin and his wife Melissa and their children Mason and Lucy; his mother-in-law, Pamela DeMattia; his sister-in-law Stephanie and her husband Ralph Francis, and their children Lillia and Reverie; Grammie (Barbara) and MeMe (Jeanette); his



father-in-law Ernest DeMattia; his sister-in-law Stephanie and her husband Scott Merrill, their children Cheyanne, Nick, and Peyton; his brother-in-law Ernest DeMattia.

There will be a service for Greg, but there's a zero percent chance you're invited because he decided to pull this smack-dab in the middle of the worst plague outbreak since 1918.

He will be interred at Wildwood Cemetery, 233 Middlesex Ave, Wilmington. Informational requests can be made at Nichols Funeral Home 187 Middlesex Ave, Wilmington MA: (978) 658-4744.

www.nicholsfuneralhome.com

There will be a gathering in his honor at a later date. It will be a total rager.

Quotes that Greg loved and frequently plagiarized:

• "There are three types of people the world does not understand: madmen, geniuses, and people who mumble."

• "It's chaos, panic, and disorder... my work here is done."

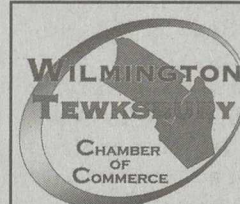
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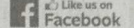


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the best we can to offer valuable content during this unprecedented time. With this dedicated member promotion, the enrollment fee of \$50 will be waived, in addition to 20% discount on your monthly membership. Regular monthly memberships with no commitment are \$35. With this promotion code, your monthly membership would be \$29.

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For COVID-19 business resources visit
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 or email nancy@wilmingtontewksburychamber.org for assistance.

Congressional candidate offers recovery proposals

BEVERLY — 6th District Democratic Congressional Candidate Angus McQuilken proposed a comprehensive set of national economic recovery proposals focused on sectors important to the region north of Boston. McQuilken, a former state economic development official who served from 2008-2017 as Vice-President of the Massachusetts Life Sciences Center, focused his proposals for economic recovery on Massachusetts' innovation economy, small businesses, non-profits, and important regional industries including fishing and higher education.

"Every member of Congress should be focused on two things right now — saving lives during this time of crisis and putting people back to work," said McQuilken. "In just a few weeks we've gone from near full employment to a situation where at least one in 10 Americans have been laid off or seen a reduction in work hours. These economic conditions are hitting household budgets hard, and threatening to stifle the innovation that our region relies on for future economic growth. The CARES Act includes many important resources and programs, but there is much more that needs to be done to ensure both short-term and long-term economic vitality in our region."

McQuilken proposed the following measures to jump-start economic recovery in the 6th District:

- Double the funding allocated for small business loans with an additional \$350 billion. Provide clear guidelines for banks in order to streamline lending and get aid into the hands of small business owners, non-profits, and veterans organizations right away. Require participating banks to open borrowing programs to new

customers, with at least half of the new resources targeted at lenders serving urban communities and women and minority-owned businesses.

- Provide expedited emergency job-retention grants to life sciences and other innovation-sector companies in order to protect employment at start-up companies and ensure continued innovation and product development. This program should be funded through a supplemental allocation to agencies that currently administer Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer Research (STTR) grant programs, such as the National Institutes of Health, the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA), and the National Science Foundation.
- Amend the rules for Small Business Administration loans under the CARES Act to make clear that companies that have received venture capital and private equity investment are not excluded from eligibility, and to allow expenditures on research and development equipment and supplies. Current provisions may prevent the most promising life sciences and technology companies from accessing small business loans, and fail to provide for expenditures related to R&D.
- Provide loan financing to small and medium-sized businesses to cover health insurance premiums, with loans being forgiven if employers keep workers on their insurance plans. Offer subsidies for the COBRA payments of employees that lose their jobs.
- Support non-profit employment in Massachusetts by establishing a block grant program administered by the states. This will provide emergency grants to non-profits to support employment

continuity and fulfillment of non-profit missions. It would supplement access to loan financing for non-profits through the CARES Act, and address delays in the delivery of funding through that program.

- Double the aid set aside in the CARES Act for the fishing and fish processing industries, from \$300 million to \$600 million, and appoint a special master at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (the agency charged with allocating this aid) to ensure that relief is provided in a matter of weeks, not months or years as has been the case with prior relief programs.
- Provide expedited guidance to the states on unemployment eligibility for self-employed and gig economy workers, including self-employed workers in the fishing industry, so that these workers can begin receiving unemployment insurance payments immediately.
- Allow student loans to be refinanced at prevailing rates, to relieve debt for young Americans and encourage spending that will stimulate economic growth.
- Provide emergency grants to small colleges and universities to protect viability and employment and to prevent the permanent closure of small colleges that lack sufficient endowments to survive the current crisis.
- Provide relief to homeowners by restoring full tax deductibility of state and local taxes on federal tax returns.

To promote long-term economic recovery, McQuilken proposed the following:

- Make a major national investment in health-related research funding through the National Institutes of Health and the National Cancer Institute. This will advance the development of new diagnostics, vaccines, and treatments, and create jobs in

the health and life sciences sectors across the nation and here in the 6th Congressional District.

- Make a \$1 trillion capital investment in transportation infrastructure. This will create jobs in construction and other industries, improve public transit, and provide multi-modal transportation alternatives. This major capital investment will combat traffic congestion, reduce vehicle emissions, and address the climate crisis that threatens us all. This should happen alongside other job-creating capital investment priorities such as broadband access, coastal resiliency and energy efficiency projects.

"These proposals address the unique economic challenges that our region is facing and the urgent need for support and employment opportunities for residents of this district," said McQuilken. "From small businesses on Main Street to the fishing industry to innovative life sciences startups, every sector of our economy needs relief during this crisis. We need to protect employment and ensure support for those who have lost their jobs or seen their income reduced. And while addressing the current challenges we face, we need to also think long term about economic investment in research and infrastructure that will keep our economy strong and growing in the future."

Martha Farmer, Ph.D, co-founder of Northshore Innoventures, a Beverly-based business incubator, said, "Angus McQuilken recognizes the critical role of the innovation sector in the economic health of this region. Each of the measures he proposes would clearly benefit our local economy. The creative economic solutions he is proposing need a champion in Congress."

Tewksbury Library hosts online help sessions for job seekers Mondays at 2 p.m.

TEWKSBURY — Are you one of the 470,000 Massachusetts residents who filed for unemployment over the past three weeks? Did you lose your job due to the COVID-19 crisis? The Tewksbury Job Seekers Networking Group is here for you.

The group has been meeting for nearly eight years at the Tewksbury Public Library. Now with

social distancing in effect, the group is currently meeting via Zoom every Monday at 2 p.m.

Meetings are free and open to all who are unemployed, underemployed or seeking a change career. Non-Tewksbury residents are welcome.

Learn more about upcoming meeting topics and guest speakers below. Registration is required.

Registrants will receive a Zoom invitation prior to the meeting. To register, visit www.tewksburypl.org, click on "Calendar of Events," scroll down to the desired meeting, and click "Register."

Please note this presentation will be informational in nature and not any sort of "sales pitch." Jack has presented to this group on different issues over the years.



Pet food drive

Ongoing pet food drive at Auntie Dog Training Studio, 1487 Main St., Tewksbury. Donation bin outside, collection in conjunction with Therapy Dog International. Inquiries to Liz at auntiedog.com. Pictured is Sieben from Therapy Dog International Chapter 306 and donations of pet food. (Courtesy photo)

Monday, April 20, 2 p.m.: How To Cope With Job Loss & Stress
Learn how to handle sudden change and stress in your life. Stress can bring on depression and create fear and anger. They can change your outlook on life and cause you to become stagnant, bitter and unproductive. Discover six interesting ways to gain control of your life and break free of the stress cycle. Led by Anne Crawford, a certified life coach that specializes in career transitions. There will be time for networking after the presentation.

Monday, April 27, 2 p.m.: Retirement Planning Tips For The Unemployed
Retirement planning can't stop, sadly, once you're laid off. Learn the considerations you need to know as it relates to Social Society and 401Ks, as well as retirement strategies during difficult times. Led by Jack Wang, CEO of Longhorn Financial LLC, an independent financial services practice.

Monday, May 4, 2 p.m.: How To Land A Job In Today's Employment Market with the Boston Globe's Job Doc
Join the Boston Globe's "Job Doc" Patricia Hunt Sinacole for her presentation, "A Practical Guide To Landing A Job In Today's Employment Market." This interactive session will be packed with information to help you become more productive, including: the use/misuse of social media in a search; networking tips; a job hunter's elevator speech, resumes and references; and job search statistics. Led by Patricia Hunt Sinacole, the CEO and Founder of First Beacon Group, a HR consulting firm.

Monday, May 11, 2 p.m.: How To Start & Grow Your Own Small Business
Learn how the Small Business Administration can assist your dream of starting your own business. Generation information will be provided on the following programs

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Lifestyle

Virtual zoo/aquarium tours available during quarantine

By **HEATHER BURNS**
News Correspondent

Due to stay at home orders still in place for our communities, many of us have been binge watching far too many TV shows, like the popular Netflix show, "The Tiger King."

"The Tiger King" is a documentary series highlighting the hidden secrets of the privately owned big cat world in the United States. Although the series features plenty of personal drama of the big cat owners that are featured in the documentary, it has also created a new

found interest in the big cat species and other animals in the wild kingdom.

National zoos and aquariums are the perfect place to start in a quest for knowledge about nature's most impressive animal species.

Unfortunately, in order to support the effort to contain the spread of COVID-19, National zoos are closed to the public indefinitely.

Luckily, technology has allowed us to still visit and learn from many of these zoos right from the comfort of our own homes. By providing virtual tours, live webcams, and inter-

active websites, the experience of viewing many wild animals is just a mouse click away.

The Smithsonian National Zoo, located in Washington, D.C., has invited the public to "virtually" stop by the zoo and check in on some of their most popular animal exhibits.

A live webcam is in use to view the day-to-day events of the cheetah cubs, naked mole rats, lions, and elephants. Also available for live viewing is the National Zoo's most popular animals, the Giant Pandas.

Zoo staff and veterinary staff remain working on site, but zoo volunteers that help run the webcams are not always on site, so there may be times when some of the animals are not visible by webcam. Zoo officials recommend checking back often.

The National Zoo has also added an online educational packet for students grades K to 5. This printable packet is designed to engage students in animal behaviors and habits.

To view the National Zoo's animal webcams and to download the educational packet, visit www.nationalzoo.si.edu.

The world famous San Diego Zoo, located in sunny California, offers an entire website of live animal webcams, virtual zoo tours, and access to many



fun animal facts. Their website also offers printable coloring pages, activities, and games that will make for a fun and educational day at the zoo right in your own home. To take advantage of this online zoo experience, visit www.kids.sandiegozoo.org.

The Houston Zoo, located in Texas, is offering a behind the scenes livestream of daily zoo life, including feeding of the animals, bath time with the elephants, or taking a walk with the cheetahs.

To view this behind the scenes

look of the Houston Zoo, visit the Houston Zoo FaceBook page weekdays at 10 a.m. EST to catch up on the latest happenings with the animals.

Enjoy home safari live events presented by the Cincinnati Zoo daily at 3 p.m. EST. A different animal is highlighted each day, along with "do at home" related activities. Viewers are also able to ask questions about the featured animals during the live event.

For more information, visit The Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Garden on FaceBook.

If ocean creatures are more to your liking, The National Aquarium in Baltimore, Maryland is offering a virtual walkthrough tour of the aquarium that will make you feel like you are actually there.

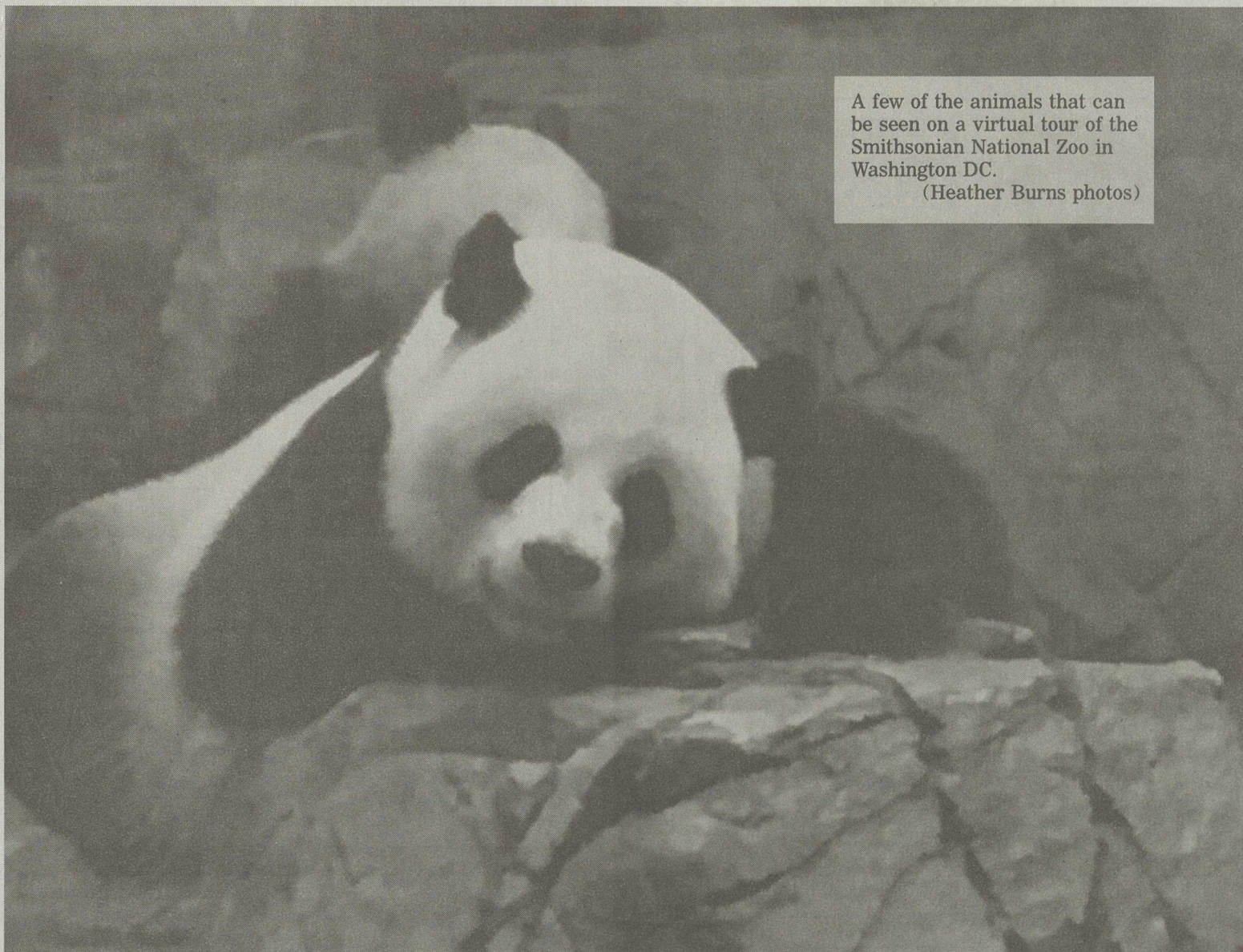
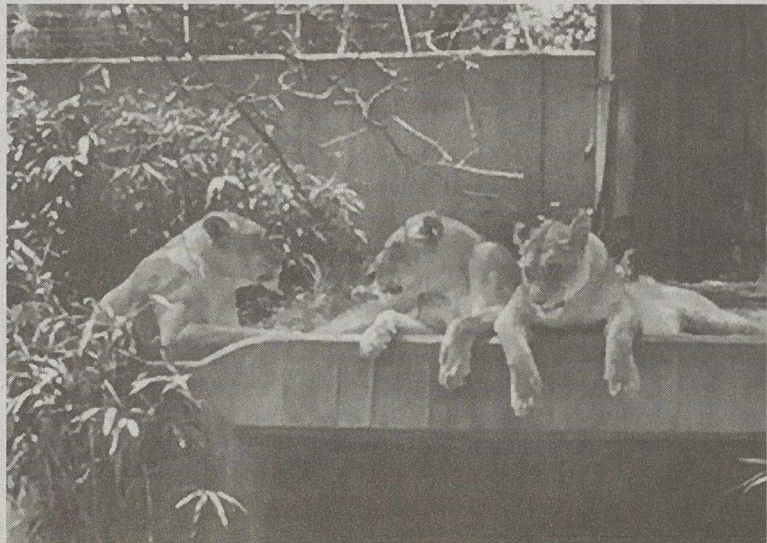
Enjoy live animal cams that include a swim with the Blacktip Sharks, and "do at home activities" that are provided to enhance our virtual visit. To explore all that the National Aquarium has to offer, visit www.aqua.org.

The New England Aquarium, located in Boston, can also provide a virtual under the sea experience. NE Aquarium is offering live visits on FaceBook and YouTube everyday at 11 a.m. during their temporary closure. Viewers are able to watch feeding time, seal training and shark interactions while staying dry and safe at home.

Previously recorded presentations and fun at home projects and activities are also available on their website at www.neaq.org.

Don't let staying at home stop you from exploring the wonderful and exciting worlds of the animal kingdom and ocean life. Travel around the country and virtually visit zoos and aquariums, while continuing to stay safe in your own home.

A world of wild animal information and experiences are literally at your fingertips, so encourage your family to put down the TV remote, and spend an afternoon online at the zoo.



A few of the animals that can be seen on a virtual tour of the Smithsonian National Zoo in Washington DC.
(Heather Burns photos)

Travel the world from home via your computer

By **ROSALYN IMPINK**
News Correspondent

After more than three weeks of a stay at home order in Massachusetts, residents are undoubtedly getting a bit of cabin fever. While some may be immersing themselves in a deep clean, catching up on reading, or binge-watching television, there is also a way to travel around the world without leaving the couch.

Whether you have a home computer, tablet or smartphone, there is a vast collection of virtual tours available on the Internet to enjoy. Travel in person might be restricted

for now, but your learning and enjoyment needn't be.

The Lexington Historical Society is putting their annual Patriots' Day events online this year, with live programs at www.lexingtonhistory.org/patriotsday from April 18 to April 24. Right now, you can take a virtual tour of the Buckman Tavern and the Hancock-Clarke House. Explore the historic rooms and check out artifacts dating back nearly 300 years. The website is easy to navigate and offers helpful tips for using the virtual tour.

Hop across the pond and visit merry old England. Buckingham Palace offers

a free virtual tour; explore the throne room and view a portrait of Queen Elizabeth with her beloved Corgis Willow, Vylcan, Candy, and Holly. <https://www.royal.uk/virtual-tours-buckingham-palace>.

Westminster Abbey also has a free online tour; pass the Grave of the Unknown Warrior and "stand" on the High Altar where many a royal wedding has taken place. <https://www.westminster-abbey.org/learning/virtual-tours>

Google Maps offers a plethora of places to visit remotely. There are UNESCO World Heritage sites to explore including Angkor

Wat, the Taj Mahal, Stonehenge, and the palace at Versailles. Get up close with the ornate and intricate architecture of the world's greatest treasures.

The Vatican Museum also offers a wide array of papal collections and a look into the Sistine Chapel, including the famous Michelangelo ceiling. <http://www.museivaticani.va/content/museivaticani/en/collezioni/musei/tour-virtuali-elenco.html>

The Smithsonian has a number of tours of their museums and gallery collections. The National Museum of Natural History offers tours of their per-

manent, current, and past exhibits. The museum boasts an impressive elephant, dinosaur, and right whale. <https://naturalhistory.si.edu/visit/virtual-tour>

The Smithsonian also offers a peek into Smithsonian Castle and its gardens and the gardens of the Hirshhorn Museum.

Also in Washington, D.C. is the beautiful United States Botanic Garden's outdoor and indoor collection of native and foreign plants. <https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smithsonian-institution/how-virtually-explore-smithsonian-your-living-room-180974436/>

Several museums have collections of art on their websites. View famous works like Edgar Degas sketches from the Museum of Fine Arts <https://www.mfa.org/visit/mfa-guide/highlights> and Van Gogh paintings at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. <https://www.metmuseum.org/art/online-features/met-360-project>

So many of the world's great cultural institutions have opened their doors via virtual tours for the entire world to experience now. Take a moment to explore and experience them safely from your own home.



▲ WFD and RMLD survey the damage that took down power lines off Woburn Street.

Wild winds bring down power lines

◀ At 349 Woburn St. a pine tree came down on power lines leaving two homes without power. WPD, WFD and RMLD were on the scene instantly.

(photo: BruceHilliard.com)

Arts Center forced to move; hopeful to find new building

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an important element of the school department," he said.

Hull informed the Wilmington Council for the Arts co-chairs Jean Chang and Linda Molloy of the transition of the building in early February, offering them the Fourth of July building instead for class space.

The Wilmington Arts Center has occupied their current building at 219 Middlesex Ave. for almost 40 years.

According to Town Crier historian Larz Neilson, the building that will be taken over by Wildwood employees was built in 1845 as a Baptist church. When the church closed in 1860, the Town of Wilmington purchased it for \$1,000. It then became a schoolhouse and meeting space before it was used as the town hall until 1983.

Co-chair Jean Chang shared that the Arts Center is home to the Wilmington Council for the Arts, which is part of the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

"The purpose of the council is to provide grant money to any type of arts program," she explained.

The council will still be able to provide grants with the new space, as they continue to operate even while the building is closed.

Using space provided by the town, the council is proud to offer a variety of painting and music classes, art exhibits, and rehearsal and performance space. Some of the classes they offer include watercolor, oil painting, and photography. The lessons are funded by the cost of sign-ups. The building can also be rented as practice and concert space, as it has been for groups like the Merrimack Valley Chorus and the Steward Highlanders, in addition to hosting recitals for local piano teachers and school groups.

Watercolor classes usually bring in about 20 students, and fewer in oilpainting. The watercolor classes are taught by Louise Anderson on Thursday and Friday mornings. She shared that her sole income source is on hold until it's safe to resume.

"The arts in general are very important to the community," Anderson said.

She considers the repurposing of the Arts Center building for the school support services to be a great loss for the arts.

The council is also sad to have to cancel an annual art exhibit in June which would've held more than 100 pieces in arts and more than that in guests.

"This was going to be a really special year for our show," said Chang. "This is our 40th anniversary of the arts center."

They had planned to feature the art of two council members, one of whom passed away in October. It was also a large source of revenue for the center with a cost to each artist who'd have their work in the exhibit.

The loss of their building means that most, if not all, of their classes and exhibits will be cancelled, and several community music groups will have to find new practice and rehearsal space. Chang has been unsuccessful trying to reach the Town Manager and the public buildings superintendent about moving the council's equipment that's still inside.

Should the Fourth of July building reopen, the only thing that the council feels it can resume will be watercolor lessons. Even then, Chang expects that not all of their regular watercolor students will return.

While the Town Manager suggested to the co-chairs that the council could have their lessons in the auditorium at the town hall or other spaces in town, Chang couldn't make any of his suggestions work.

"He was trying to offer us something, but none of [the spaces] were realistic," she continued.

However, they countered with an idea for the new senior center to include space for the Arts Center, but she said that Hull didn't make any promises. Chang recognized that the town has bigger concerns than the Arts Center.

In the meantime, the Arts Council can merely continue their grant work and wait to see if any new town space pops up where they could resume the rest of their classes, exhibits, and music events. Their plan to bring watercolor classes to the Fourth of July building remain on hold.

Youngsters receive Chromebooks for learning

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and 27 staff members at the Middle School are reading a chapter to students each day.

At the high school, social

workers have set up virtual counseling sessions with students, and students and staff at working together to set up Instagram platforms for communication and plan a virtual spirit week.

Sons of Italy donated more than \$1.5M over 20 years

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ing We're One Wilmington and Wilmington Youth Soccer.

Thanks to town appropriation and all of the groups who donated, the nine developed acres on the property offer a large lawn area, a pavilion with picnic benches, a children's play area, basketball courts, a turf field for soccer, lacrosse, or football, and a walking path.

"Another portion of the space wasn't developed because it borders a meadow brook, which we consider another attractive feature of the park," Hull said.

Wilmington Sons of Italy have donated more than \$1.5 million to the town over the past 20 years, according to Romano. O'Connell went on to express profound gratitude for the total donation of the Sons of Italy.

"The Sons of Italy are one of, if not the, most generous organizations in town," she shared. "They've given to this project and many other projects, organizations, people, and families in town."

While the park is already complete, it requires regular ongoing maintenance which their final contribution could pay for.

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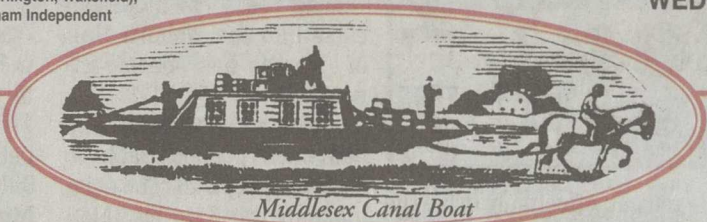
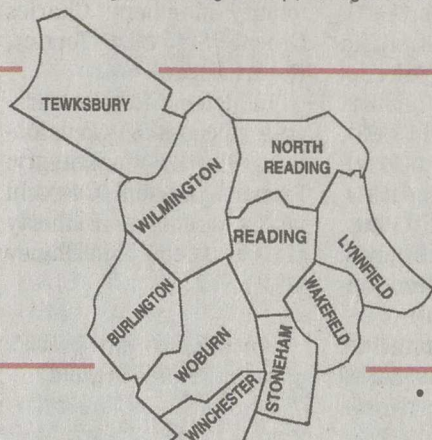
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Local author pens "The Agitator and the Politician"

BY RYAN LAROCHE

It may be hard to believe, but the coronavirus pandemic isn't the worst thing to happen in America over its nearly 250 year history. The Spanish Flu,

which didn't actually originate in Spain, killed millions of Americans 100 years ago.

Of course, some would argue the darkest period in American history involves slavery. Men and women were

stolen from their home countries and brought to America only to endure brutal beatings and much worse.

Many people think President Abraham Lincoln ended slavery, and he did, but he did-

n't do it alone. In the north especially, some men fought against slavery and fought for emancipation for black men and women. One such man, William Lloyd Garrison, born in Massachusetts, stood on the front lines of the abolitionist movement.

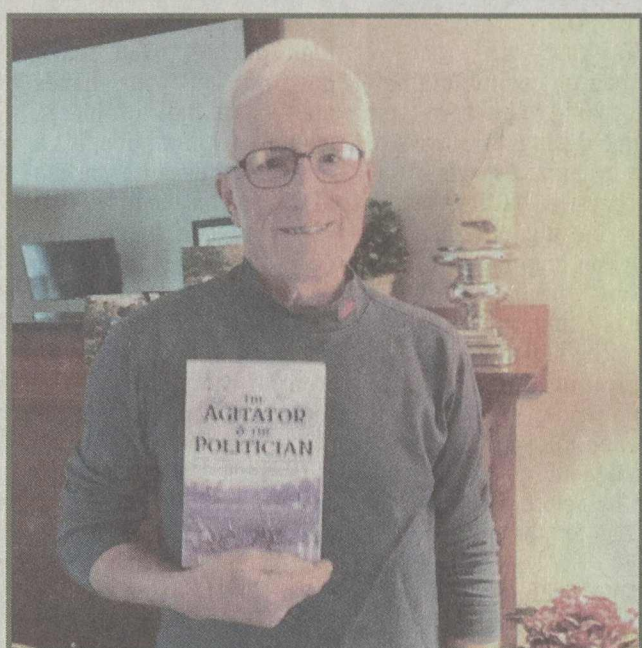
To capture the journeys of these two men, Lincoln and Garrison, former Tewksbury Memorial High School teacher Robert MacDougall published a book back in 2005 called "The Agitator and the Politician: William Lloyd Garrison, Abraham Lincoln and the Emancipation of the Slaves."

Feeling the book could use a "makeover," as he called it, MacDougall just recently released "The Agitator and the Politician: William Lloyd Garrison, Abraham Lincoln and the Emancipation of the Slaves, Second Edition."

"If you email me your mailing address and a check for the cost of the book (\$20), I will pay the sales tax and shipping cost and send it to you right away," MacDougall offered.

The former teacher - he taught for 33 years, from 1971-2004 - said he first tried to get the book published in 1975.

"I wrote 'The Agitator and the Politician' - on paper, in long hand - intending to get it published, but I never got it



FORMER TEWKSBURY MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL HISTORY TEACHER ROBERT MACDOUGALL shows off the cover of the second edition of his book "The Agitator and The Politician."

accepted anywhere and I was too busy teaching, coaching and raising a family to spend a lot of time on it. So, the book gathered dust for 30 years," MacDougall noted.

Once he retired in 2004, he "dusted it off and got it published and had moderate success with it."

It's the story of two men from different worlds, one born in the northeast and one born in the midwest, who both fought for the same cause.

However, that's where the similarities end. While Lincoln

went into politics and eventually became the country's 16th president, Garrison became a writer and agitator, hence the title of MacDougall's book.

"The two men were very different and grew up and had their careers in different parts of the country," MacDougall pointed out. In fact, MacDougall said they never met until the Civil War.

"Lincoln probably only knew of Garrison as that crazy firebrand in Boston, and Gar-

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By JAKE COYLE
AP Film Writer

Feeling beaten down by the news? Why not watch a documentary on gerrymandering to cheer you up?

"Slay the Dragon," by Chris Durrance and Barak Goodman, deftly outlines how redistricting has eroded American democracy and helped usher compromise out of our legislatures. It's a level-headed documentary about an unlevel playing field that traces the scope and magnitude of district map-drawing for political gain.

"Slay the Dragon," which will be available on-demand and in digital release Friday after having its theatrical release canceled by the

Movie Reviews & Box Office News "Slay the Dragon"

coronavirus, may not be the most heartening portrait of our political system. But it's a vital one and it provides reasons for optimism, too.

Aside from laying out the strategies and manipulations of gerrymandering, it tracks a handful of those fighting its practice, including the lawyers whose case rises to the Supreme Court and a humble Michigan woman named Katie Fahey. She turns almost accidental activist when a Facebook post leads to the creation of a grassroots campaign to put

Michigan's district drawing in the hands of a bipartisan citizen commission - a practice now used, in some form, in 21 states.

But most states have their maps drawn up by their own state legislatures every 10 years, an approach that can breed obvious conflicts of interest. Gerrymandering has been around for more than 200 years. Its name comes from a Massachusetts redistricting that gave early 19th century Boston-area districts the appearance of a salamander. Its long been a tool of both parties, though "Slay the Dragon" is focused on the Republican efforts to win state houses in the 2010 election with the intent to redraw maps.

It was a hugely successful effort (some of the key strategists are interviewed here) that led to the flipping of 11 state legislatures. The subsequent redistricting created its own assortment of oddly shaped maps: a "snake" in North Carolina, an "upside down elephant" in Texas, a "praying mantis" in Maryland.

Redistricting can have the result of quarantining the votes of one party or one demographic, thus muting the political power of potentially a larger portion of the public and essentially preordaining that a party will hold certain congressional seats. Several of North Carolina's districts, in a map that has since been ruled to have violated the state constitution, were 55% or 57% African American.

"Slay the Dragon" seeks

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Athletes & Activities

By: Steve Algeri



• MIDDLESEX EAST SPORTS WEEKLY TRIVIA: When the New York Yankees' Aaron Boone hit his walk-off game-winning home run in the 11th inning to defeat the Red Sox in Game 7 of the ALCS, who threw the pitch for the Red Sox?

Answer appears below:

STAY-AT-HOME BASEBALL PLAYERS CAN GET SOME HITTING IN ON THEIR OWN

Working with a batting tee can be helpful to a batter looking to improve their swing during this time of now organized sports.

Using a batting tee in your batting practice session can help improve your hitting mechanics. When live pitching comes in, however, the ball's not going to be set in the same spot every time, which is why mixing up your tee work throughout your training can be helpful in mastering swings for the entire strike zone.

One such drill to add depth to your batting practice is the High Tee drill. All-star third baseman Kris Bryant praises this routine,

especially for younger players progressing through their competitive leagues. As an athlete gets older, pitchers get more refined and able to spot their pitches in locations that are much more difficult to hit, making it crucial to train mechanics. Even MVP-caliber athletes like Bryant practice with the High Tee drill in order to better their swing.

"It's tough for me to hit," Bryant says about difficult high pitches. "You really have to get your hands above the ball to hit it, whereas the low pitch, it's a little easier because you can drop your bat head on that and let your hands take over. I work on this every day that I'm in the cage."

To begin the drill, have a batting tee out slightly in front of the plate with the tee raised to the top of your strike zone. Once your ball is in place, line up to give a healthy swing.

"I start with my feet together and step into it just so that all my energy is going toward the pitcher," Bryant says.

Keep your hands high through the swing so that

you can effectively drive the ball and get on top of it. "Try to hit a good fly ball to the back of the cage."

To improve your swing, you need to put in the work.

There's always something to work on when it comes to baseball practice. There are so many mechanics involved in the game, and each skill can be forever tweaked or fine-tuned. When it comes to batting practice, hitters have a number of drills at their disposal that can help them better their skill set. So in order to make the most of their swings, they need a proper plan.

When a pro baseball player steps into the cage, each swing means something and is used as a training point.

Hitting a pitch where it's thrown is one such approach. It creates better contact on the ball and can really help a young player become a harder out in the batter's box. This situational hitting skill allows a hitter to take a ball thrown outside to go the opposite way and pull inside pitches down the line.

Woburn Hall of Fame pushes this year's ceremony into September

The second induction class into the Woburn Hall of Fame has been announced.

This year's ceremony has been pushed back to Saturday, Sept. 26. The original date was Saturday, May 16. The event will still be held at the Hilton Boston/Woburn. Tickets are \$125 each and can be purchased online or by mail.

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and ticket information can be found online: <https://bit.ly/WoburnHOF>. The individual athletes to be inducted are: Jay Boyle (2000), Peter Lennon (1983), Colleen Martin (2006), Keith McLaughlin (1983), Michael McLaughlin (2005), Elizabeth Nadeau Sankar (1998), John O'Brien (1980), Michael O'Brien (1980), Heather Oldham (1999), Jason Paige (2001), Michael Parziale (2001), Colleen Sanborn (2005).

Teams to be inducted: 1975 field hockey, 1999/2000

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ing the right to marry. Every cause needs two things: people to take up said cause and people to push it across the finish line.

The two men finally met, as MacDougall noted, "after Lincoln had decided that he needed to free the slaves in order to win the war and had issued the Emancipation Proclamation. Their meeting was warm and friendly and they had a moment when they each appreciated the role the other had played in the great story of emancipation."

MacDougall said the story of the two men "drew me into history as an academic discipline; I majored in it in college (University of Michigan) and became a history teacher."

That's when he first wrote "The Agitator and the Politician." Since then, he retired from TMHS, taught at Northern Essex Community College and then Central Catholic High School, and wrote three more books: "Leaders in Dangerous Times," Douglas MacArthur and Dwight D. Eisenhower; "American History: It's More Than The Crap You Learned in High School;" and "Rants, Raves and Reflections of an American Historian."

But MacDougall decided to return to his first book, and perhaps his first passion, because "I thought I could tell the story better, and that the book needed illustration and a much better cover. So, I spent a year re-writing it and working with the skilled people at Word Association Publishing in Pittsburgh, got it much more to my liking."

A book about emancipation, Lincoln and ending slavery is just as relevant today as it was in 1975 or in 2005. While the act of slavery may not exist in the same form as it did before and during Lincoln's time, racism is still alive and well in the 21st century through police brutality, income inequality, housing, health care, and even, sadly, the confederate flag and confederate monuments dedicated to confederate soldiers.

What's different from the first edition to the second edition? MacDougall said he eliminated some sections "I thought people might find boring and that didn't add a great deal to the dynamics of the story."

As a history teacher, it's safe to say MacDougall has regurgitated the story of Lincoln

and the Civi War year after year. While it's a fascinating bit of history, not to mention perhaps the most important for Americans, how does it sit with students?

MacDougall admitted the story of Lincoln and Garrison doesn't resonate with students like it did with him.

"Of course, in my youth the civil rights movement was at its height and race issues were very much on all of our minds. I certainly haven't given up on reaching high school students with this story, but I'm finding lately that it resonates more with adults, particularly older adults who vividly remember the civil rights struggles." Honestly, everyone from the young to the old should care about civil rights; therefore, students should devour the story of Lincoln, Garrison and emancipation. Not to mention the simple fact that both men lead fascinating lives and accomplished extraordinary things.

"(Lincoln) deserves the accolades historians have given him and his ranking by most historians as the greatest of all the presidents," MacDougall suggested. "He had such a heavy burden, but his timing on important decisions was impeccable and his eloquence in his writings and speeches was the greatest of all. It was a pleasure to write about him."

Of course, hindsight is 20/20 and MacDougall noted Lincoln "was NOT very popular in many quarters in his time as president. Indeed, he was hated by many and, even just a few weeks before his re-election, he was convinced he would lose."

Lincoln would go on to win re-election, but was assassinated in April and only served a few months of his second term. Who knows how different the world would be had he served at least two terms.

MacDougall pointed out that while Garrison was also eloquent, like Lincoln, he inspired hatred, as well.

"He, also, was much reviled, and would very likely have been only a footnote in history as a crazy fanatic had not the Civil War turned out as it did."

Anyone who wishes to buy a copy of "The Agitator and the Politician" should email MacDougall at: rmacdougall66@gmail.com.

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12 Gedick Rd was sold to Bayley-Pickul, Drew and Pickul, Maria A by Rigolini, Scott F and Rigolini-Rigolini, Lynne for \$650,000 on 03/30/20

6 Hallmark Gdns #5 was sold to Tai, Onkei by Guzman, Nora G for \$335,000 on 03/27/20

12 Harris Dr was sold to Glimenakis, Andreas W and Andon, Alyssa A by 12 Harris Drive LLC for \$1,175,000 on 03/26/20

8 Harris Dr was sold to Harris RT and Vallerand, John I by Malatesta, John J and Malatesta, Mary M for \$560,000 on 03/26/20

20 Terry Ave was sold to TKD Realty LLC by Maalo LLC for \$3,100,000 on 03/27/20

NORTH READING

7 Locust St was sold to Smith, Vincent and Cremens-Smith, Margaret by Swanview Investments LLC for \$370,000 on 03/25/20

36 Main St #15 was sold to Romanelli INT and Romanelli, Beth A by Colby, Matthew J for \$206,500 on 03/31/20

44 Mount Vernon St was sold to 44 Mount Vernon Street and RT Romeo, Thomas J by Branchini, Adelaide for \$360,000 on 03/27/20

27 Olde Coach Rd was sold to Boccelli, Olessa and Stepanov, Aleksandr by Hulett, Joshua and Hulett, Jamie for \$1,000,000 on 03/30/20

4 Red Hill Rd was sold to Fritsch, Michael E and McLaughlin, Laura A by Tatone, Joseph E for \$350,000 on 03/27/20

READING

92 Green St #92 was sold to Mccarthy, Jeremiah by Arborgreen Inc for \$550,000 on 03/27/20

273 Haverhill St was sold to Smith, Zachary and Smith, Caitlyn by Clarke, Philip and Clarke, Sheila M for \$775,000 on 03/27/20

517 Pearl St was sold to Fanning, Paul and Fanning, Mariel by Frazier, Dennis J and Frazier, Katie M for \$550,000 on 03/27/20

62 Salem St #62 was sold to Riley, Nathan T and Riley, Kristina O by Chang, Victor and Chang, Hsiamei for \$434,000 on 03/30/20

605 Summer Ave #2-27 was sold to Harrington, Kathleen M by Lind, Diane for \$325,000 on 03/31/20

22 Temple St was sold to Bonsang, Keith and Bonsang, Erin R by Ostrowski, Matthew J and Ostrowski, Jaclyn F for \$780,000 on 03/27/20

37 Thomas Dr was sold to Palmer-Howard, Jill and Howard, Michael W by Cavazzoni, Joseph P and Dumas, Marcia S for \$1,050,000 on 03/31/20

STONEHAM

177 Franklin St #5 was sold to Fagundes, Stephanie M and Oleary, John by Barbosa, Marilene G and Barbosa, Luiz C for \$276,900 on 03/30/20

14 Greenview Rd was sold to Rossi, David C and Rossi, Susan B by First Abode RT and Rossi, David C for \$575,000 on 03/26/20

119 High St #3 was sold to Abdelahad, Michael N and Abdelahad, Danielle by Sanco Builders LLC for \$1,100,000 on 03/27/20

13 Pomeworth St was sold to Viselli, Scott J and Viselli, Cristina M by 13 Pomeworth Street LLC for \$1,320,000 on 03/31/20

TEWKSBURY

80 Armando Way #80 was sold to Eich, Julie by Scannell, Lynne A and Decarolis, Sue for \$350,080 on 03/27/20

8 Border Rd was sold to Narayan, Madhumita and Petrino, Devin by AMC Realty Group LLC for \$759,900 on 03/27/20

11 Charme Rd was sold to Dibacco, Paul M by Hatch, Heather for \$390,000 on 03/30/20

18 Concrete Rd was sold to Bugda-Gwilt, Katlynn and Bugda, Eliot A by Maclellan, Margaret M for \$485,000 on 03/25/20

140 Frasier Ln was sold to Baluch, Shahzadi and Khan, Mohammad by AJM Construction LLC for \$912,000 on 03/27/20

1428 Main St was sold to Kim, Seongsul and Kim, Younghee by Farley, John D and Farley, Charlene A for \$549,900 on 03/25/20

85 Martha Ave was sold to Milner, Michael R and Milner, Danielle M by Milner, Richard and Milner, Lynda for \$355,000 on 03/25/20

35 Merrimack Meadows Ln #35 was sold to Santander Bank NA by Schmid, Janis E and Santander Bank NA for \$100,133 on 03/27/20

59 Merrimack Meadows Ln #59 was sold to Borges, Daiane by Jaime Properties LLC for \$316,250 on 03/30/20

5 Rhoda St was sold to Cahill, Jessica and Moscaritolo, Michael by Clements, John E and Clements, Samantha for \$451,000 on 03/30/20

1250 Whipple Rd was sold to DeSouza, Marcos and Sullivan, Alina C by Farrell, David B and Hammarrell, Lorraine J for \$560,000 on 03/25/20

WAKEFIELD

252 Albion St #10 was sold to Frank, Sherri by Snell, Betsy for \$465,000 on 03/31/20

3 Bennett St #405 was sold to Giuliano, Maureen E and Giuliano, Jerry M by HB Development Corp for \$619,900 on 03/31/20

22 Warren Ave was sold to Wages, Eric and Wages, Margaret by Delios, James Pierce, Stephanie for \$480,000 on 03/25/20

WILMINGTON

110 Chestnut St was sold to Lee, Eun G and Lee, Hae E by 110 Chestnut NT and Newhouse, James A for

\$730,000 on 03/30/20

3 Eagleview Dr was sold to Ding, Shaobin and Shen, Xiaoya by CS Newhouse Builders Inc for \$809,900 on 03/31/20

24 Lloyd Rd was sold to McLaughlin FT and McLaughlin, James M by Conlin, John E and Payne, Jane E for \$429,900 on 03/30/20

512 Woburn St was sold to Lucas, Marco P and Lucas, Melissa L by Tieri RT and Mccue, David M for \$815,000 on 03/31/20

WINCHESTER

5 Governors Ave was sold to Miller, Lauren and Miller, Mackenzie by Cummings, Roy C and Cummings, Leora H for \$784,000 on 03/25/20

272 High St was sold to Little, Ainslie by Wyrwicz, Stanley B and Wyrwicz, Joan M for \$1,650,000 on 03/27/20

21 Taft Dr was sold to Nguyen, Anna and Nguyen, Steve by Nutile, Susan for \$1,250,000 on 03/31/20

WOBURN

100 Baldwin Ave #24 was sold to Li, Jilong by Lucas, Marco P and Lucas, Melissa L for \$657,500 on 03/30/20

98 Cambridge Rd was sold to Hamilton, Anne E by Oven, Benjamin and Oven, Ellen M for \$560,000 on 03/30/20

10 Cedar St #21 was sold to 21 Chestnut Green LLC by Members Mortgage Co Inc for \$205,000 on 03/27/20

2 Douglass Grn #2 was sold to Crowell, Kathleen F by Lynch, Eileen C for \$610,000 on 03/31/20

6 Field Ter was sold to Kenton, Joseph D by Fields, Elsie C for \$300,000 on 03/31/20

9 Franklin St was sold to Patel, Kanubhai P and Patel, Rashmi K by Lagrange, Robert W for \$250,000 on 03/31/20

13 Fremont St #13 was sold to Mattioli, Laurie by Patricio, Antonio and Patricio, Isaura for \$630,000 on 03/27/20

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LEGAL NOTICE IFB 2020-19

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The RMLD will receive sealed bids until **11:00 a.m., April 30, 2020**, via USPS mail sent to 230 Ash Street, Reading, Massachusetts, 01867. Bids will be opened at 12:00 p.m., May 1, 2020 and, due to the Covid-19 restrictions, read aloud while being recorded. The Bid results will be immediately published on the RMLD Website and sent to Bidders. Bids received after the time of announced opening will not be accepted.

This IFB is being issued under M.G.L., Chapter 30B.

Bid documents and bid forms may be obtained via email request to Paula O'Leary at pooley@rml.com. For questions or further information, please contact Paula O'Leary at 781-942-6440.

Each bid must be accompanied by a certified or cashier's check payable to the RMLD for a sum not less than 5% of the total amount of the bid. In lieu of a check, a bid bond may be submitted in an amount not less than 5% of the total amount of the bid, unless otherwise stated. The bond must be from a corporate surety licensed to do business in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, conditioned that the bidder will pay the RMLD, as liquidated damages, the amount specified in the bond unless the bidder enters into a contract in accordance with his bid. If the bidder fails to enter into the contract or furnish any required bonds, insurance documents, or other required documents within ten (10) days from the date on which the bidder is notified that the bid has been accepted, the amount of the check or bid bond shall be forfeited to the RMLD.

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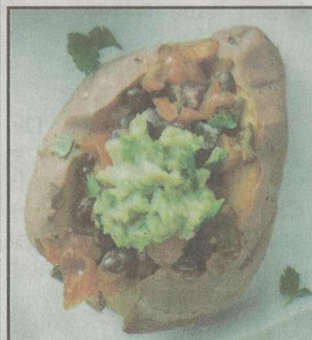
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STEPS

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2. Meanwhile, in small bowl, mix avocado, 1/2 teaspoon of the lime juice, 1 tablespoon of the cilantro and 1/8 teaspoon of the salt. Mash with fork to chunky consistency. Cover and refrigerate until ready to serve.

3. In 10-inch nonstick skillet, heat oil over medium heat. Add onion, poblano chile, bell pepper and tomatoes. Cook 5 to 6 minutes or until tomatoes are soft and other vegetables are crisp-tender. Add beans, taco seasoning mix, remaining 1/8 teaspoon salt, remaining 1 teaspoon lime juice and the water. Cook and stir 3 to 4 minutes or until completely

Ingredients

4 medium sweet potatoes (8 to 9 oz each)
1 medium avocado, pitted, peeled and diced
1 1/2 teaspoons lime juice
2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon vegetable oil
1/2 cup chopped onion
1 medium poblano chile, seeded and chopped (about 1/2 cup)
1/2 cup chopped red or orange bell pepper
1/2 cup chopped grape tomatoes
1 cup Progresso™ black beans, drained, rinsed (from 15-oz can)
2 teaspoons Old El Paso™ original taco seasoning mix (from 1-oz package)

heated through and slightly thickened.

4. Split potatoes open; divide bean mixture among potatoes—they will be very full. Divide avocado mixture among potatoes; top with remaining 1 tablespoon cilantro.

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Wilmington Police Log

Tree fell across Andover Street, Foster's Pond Road

Friday, April 3:

4:52 p.m.: A tree fell across Andover Street and Foster's Pond Road. Police cleared some of the debris and moved the tree off the road to minimize the traffic hazard until the Department of Public Works could remove the rest of the debris and the tree.

Saturday, April 4:

1:11 p.m.: Animal Control advised a Harris Street resident as to what to do after he displaced a rabbit's nest.

6:16 p.m.: Animal Control investigated a report on Silverhurst Avenue and spoke to a resident about letting a trapped squirrel out of a cage.

Sunday, April 5:

5:18 a.m.: A Ford Explorer and a Chevrolet Cobalt were involved in a rollover between Exits 39 and 40

on I93. Injuries were reportedly minor.

6:57 p.m.: The Fire Department dealt with an oven fire in a home on Shady Lane Drive.

Monday, April 6:

3:35 p.m.: A Harley Davidson motorcycle was in a collision with a Honda Civic on Middlesex Avenue. The Fire Department was called in for a medical transport.

Tuesday, April 7:

1:10 p.m.: The Fire Department extinguished a brush fire on Burlington Avenue.

11:05 p.m.: Police checked Cedarcrest Road for the source of a reported odor. The odor was found to be a skunk rather than a gas leak.

Wednesday, April 8:

7:05 a.m.: A deceased animal was removed from Middlesex Avenue.

12:42 p.m.: A bicyclist was taken to the hospital by a Fire Department vehicle for an ankle injury after he was hit by a Ford truck on Main Street.

4:48 p.m.: Police dispersed a group of youths from the Shawshen School skate park during a routine check.

Thursday, March 9:

9:48 a.m.: The Fire Department responded to a carbon monoxide alarm on Westdale Avenue.

11:47 p.m.: During a routine check, police found that the shutter on the Rotary Park little league snack shack was open. The doors to the building were still locked; police concluded that the shutter was opened by the wind.

The Town Crier regrets that the Tewksbury Police Log was unavailable for publication this week.

10 students make Dean's/President's List at Framingham State Univ.

FRAMINGHAM — The following local Framingham State University students were named to the Dean's List or the President's list for the Fall 2019 semester:

- Scott Callahan of Tewksbury was placed on the President's List.
- Kirsten Dick of Tewksbury was placed on the Dean's List.
- Dominic Montecalvo of Tewksbury was placed on the President's List.
- Dayna Salibe of Tewksbury was placed on the President's List.
- Emily D'Entremont of Framingham was placed on the Dean's List.
- Hannah Devlin of Framingham was placed on the Dean's List.
- Kyle Glinner of Wil-

mington was placed on the Dean's List.

- Lessita Louis of Framingham was placed on the Dean's List.

- Celia Marchese of Framingham was placed on the Dean's List.

- Mandip Singh of Framingham was placed on the President's List.

To be selected for the Dean's List, a matriculated undergraduate student, carrying a minimum of three course credits, must earn a GPA of 3.30 or higher for the semester. To be selected for the President's list, a student must have been named to the Dean's List for three consecutive semesters.

About Framingham State University

Framingham State University was founded in 1839 as the nation's first public university for the education of teachers. Since that time, it has evolved into a vibrant, comprehensive liberal arts institution offering small, personalized classes on a beautiful New England campus.

Today, the University enrolls more than 6,000 students with 58 undergraduate and graduate degree programs in the arts, humanities, sciences, social sciences and professional fields. As a State College and University, Framingham State prides itself on quality academic programs, affordability, and commitment to access for all qualified students.

State announces initial implementation of new federal unemployment benefits from CARES Act

BOSTON — The Baker-Polito Administration announced details for the initial implementation of federal unemployment benefits in the CARES Act, the federal based COVID-19 relief package. This federal program, enacted on March 27, 2020, will be administered by states.

The announcement reflects the first set of partial guidance that Massachusetts will immediately implement to support unemployed workers. The Department of Unemployment Assistance (DUA) is moving swiftly to implement the new benefit programs and awaits additional guidance from the federal government for the remainder of benefits authorized by the CARES Act. Understanding the great urgency of Commonwealth residents to access these benefits, DUA issued new guidance to instruct all residents of what actions they can take now.

FEDERAL PANDEMIC UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION (FPUC):

For Individuals Currently Collecting Benefits From Regular Unemployment Compensation:

Overview: An additional \$600 per week for individuals collecting benefits from regular unemployment compensation is being implemented by DUA. The additional \$600 will be added to unemployment benefits retroactive to March 29, 2020 and will begin being disbursed to claimants this week.

The FPUC program will provide an additional \$600 per week to individuals who are collecting regular Unemployment Compensation (UC), Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC), Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA), Extended Benefits (EB), Trade Readjustment Act (TRA), and Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DA).

The Department has already begun implementing the FPUC program for regular UC claimants. The \$600 will be added to all eligible weeks of benefits retroactive to March 29, 2020 and continuing until July 31, 2020. FPUC monetary disbursements will begin immediately in

Massachusetts for those who are currently collecting benefits on regular UC claims. Those receiving PEUC, PUA, and EB will receive the additional \$600 payments retroactive to March 29, 2020 as soon as their claims are processed and determined eligible.

Next Steps

For Claimants:

Eligible claimants who are already receiving UI do not need to do anything for the additional \$600 to be added to their weekly benefit amount. This benefit will be available for all new claimants filing for regular Unemployment Compensation as well, which can be done at www.mass.gov/unemployment/covid-19

PANDEMIC UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE (PUA):

For Individuals Not Covered Under Traditional Unemployment Insurance (Self-Employed, Gig Economy Workers, Others):

Overview: A benefit will be available for individuals not covered under traditional unemployment insurance like the self-employed or gig workers or those who do not qualify for lack of wages. DUA is now working with a vendor to build a new platform to disburse those benefits. This platform is expected to begin processing claims on or about April 30, 2020.

PUA will provide up to 39 weeks of unemployment benefits to individuals who are not working as a result of COVID-19 and are self-employed, independent contractors, gig economy workers, and others who otherwise would not qualify for regular UC or EB under state or federal law or PEUC. These individuals will not be able to claim benefits directly through the UI Online System in Massachusetts, as of this time.

The Department of Unemployment Assistance has engaged a vendor to build a new platform to disburse PUA benefits. The platform is expected to begin accepting PUA claims by April 30, 2020. Eligible claimants under PUA will be retroactively compensated with this benefit beginning Feb. 2,

2020, or the first week a claimant was unable to work as a result of COVID-19, whichever date is later. The last week this benefit is payable is the week ending Dec. 26, 2020.

Next Steps

For Claimants:

Eligible claimants should continue to check for updates at www.mass.gov/unemployment/covid-19 on the new platform, which will be ready this month. Once the system is up and running, eligible claimants will receive this benefit backdated to Feb. 2, 2020, or the first week a claimant was unable to work as a result of COVID-19.

PANDEMIC EMERGENCY UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION (PEUC):

For Individuals Who Exhausted Previous UI Benefits:

Overview: A 13-week extension of benefits for individuals who exhausted their previous benefits - is not yet available as DUA continues to await federal implementation guidance.

The PEUC program provides up to 13 weeks of unemployment insurance benefits to individuals who have exhausted their previous unemployment benefits. The first week a claimant can be compensated on this benefit is the week beginning March 29, 2020, and the last payable week is the week ending Dec. 26, 2020. The Department of Unemployment Assistance is awaiting additional federal guidance on how to implement and administer this program and the extended weeks of PEUC benefits are not yet available.

Next Steps

For Claimants:

No action at this time. Eligible claimants should continue to check for updates, which will be made available as soon as the state receives information from the federal government.

DUA is committed to moving as quickly as possible to get workers the benefits they deserve during these unprecedented times and will continue to communicate with the public about the status of these benefit programs.

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Wilmington Minutemen cancel annual march

On April 19, 1775, the original Wilmington Minutemen joined with neighboring communities, answering the initial call to freedom which would one day form our new Nation.

As a tribute, the Wilmington Minutemen have reenacted this march each year with a march starting at the Minutemen Memorial at the head of the Town Common and continuing down Church Street live-firing their muskets down Church Street on their way to Concord.

Unfortunately this year,

our Wilmington Minutemen will not participate in this march in an effort to promote the "Stay Home" directive. Instead of our march, members will offer individual tributes in memory of our original Minutemen heroes.

We look forward to participating in future events once we have defeated this virus. If anyone has any questions about Wilmington Minutemen, please feel free to contact Captain Frank West at (978) 668-1754 or email westewilm@aol.com.

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Chris Walsh commits to play football at University of Albany

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WILMINGTON - Over the past four years, Wilmington resident Chris Walsh went to three different high schools. He also competed on the foot-

ball fields for all three schools, playing several different positions, all to help his growth to get to the next level. This past Friday, the reigning Catholic Central League Lineman of the Year, announced his com-

mitment to continue to play football at the University of Albany, a program that competes in the NCAA Division 1 Football Championship Subdivision as a football-only member of the Colonial Athletic Association.

"One of the reasons I'm going to Albany is because I love how big the school is and it has a really great community," said Walsh. "I wanted to go to a good sized school with a good community. I know

that (Head) Coach (Greg) Gattuso runs his program like a family and holds his players accountable for their actions. "The coaches told me they love how aggressive I play and how I use my hands. They said they love

aggressive linemen who know how to use their hands." Walsh, who stands in at 6-foot-4, 298 pounds, first attended Malden Catholic before transferring to the

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Wilmington's battling COVID-19



Wilmington resident Jennifer Stewart was a three-sport athlete at WHS, including basketball and today she is a nurse on the front lines at Brigham and Women's Hospital helping patients diagnosed with COVID-19. (courtesy photo).

Former three-sport athlete on the front lines at Brigham and Women's Hospital

Stewart continues team aspect attitude

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BOSTON/WILMINGTON - Back in the winter of 2012, Jennifer Stewart was a key member of the Wilmington High School girls' basketball team, which won the league title for the first time since 1965 and advanced to the sectional semi-finals. Before the playoffs start-

ed, the team came away with a big home victory over Melrose. In the latter part of the game, Stewart made a great defensive play, which in turn allowed League MVP Emily Crannell to bury a three-pointer, which eventually led the 'Cats to victory. After the game, Stewart was interviewed by the Town Crier's Mike

Ippolito, and what she said eight years ago is fitting to what she is going through today as a float pool registered nurse at Brigham and Women's Hospital, where she is currently working on multiple COVID Units, taking care of COVID-19 patients. "It's not about me, but whatever I can do to contribute to the team," she said to Ippolito. "Whether

it's rebounds or whatever, I am happy to do it. It depends on what the team needs that day. My role is sort of determined by those around me." Now eight years later - her fourth as a nurse - the life-lessons that Stewart learned on the basketball court - as well as field hockey and softball fields - are truly paying off. She is right in the middle of

the pandemic - sacrificing her own health to help those in need - people who have tested positive for the virus and who have either passed on, who are struggling to breathe and stay alive and then those who she has helped on the mend. "This virus is extremely serious," she said. "COVID is an aggressive virus that targets the

lungs. It does not target a specific population, any age group, race, gender or health status. Patients are becoming extremely sick and decompensating rapidly. The virus causes swelling of the lungs which can lead to fluid overload in the lungs leading to respiratory compromise. The most common

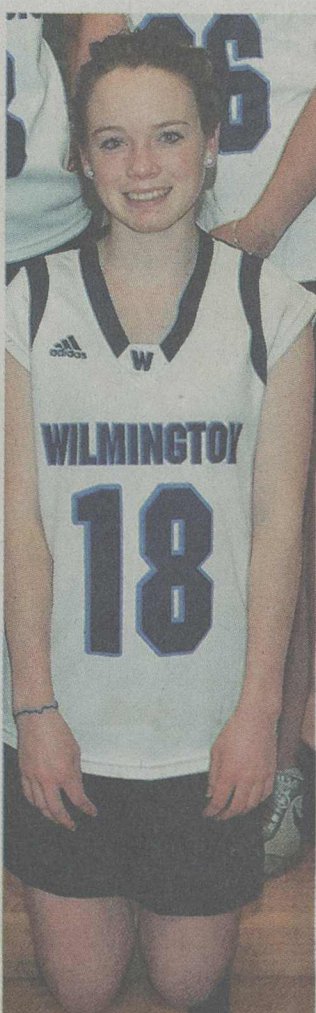
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Robarge sticking it out at Beth Israel Hospital

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BOSTON/WILMINGTON - Today, the country and the world for that matter, has been in complete chaos. The COVID-19 epidemic has forced the United States to shut down. Most of the adult population in America have been told to stop working (or been laid off), return home and practice social distancing along with everyone else. But then there's the essential workers, who have sacrificed their own health and time with their loved ones, so they can take care of people who have been affected by the virus in one way or another. Certainly, the nurses, doctors and healthcare workers are the true heroes during this time. Here in Wilmington, there's a long list of healthcare workers who are out there saving lives. The Town Crier Sports Department wanted to

feature some former athletes, who are now on the frontline. Among that group includes Hayley Robarge, a 2011 WHS Graduate, who in high school played field hockey and lacrosse, before continuing to play lacrosse during her four years at the University of Rhode Island. Presently, Robarge is a Registered Nurse at the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston, working in the Cardiac Intensive Care Unit. She has been employed there for two years and currently working almost around the clock daily, trying to keep people alive and help them recuperate. She was asked to explain what it's been like at the hospital over these last few weeks. "Since the pandemic has broken out, my unit has transitioned to a COVID-ICU where we have been caring for critically ill patients on ventilators and

ROBARGE PG B10W



Wilmington resident Hayley Robarge was a former lacrosse (and field hockey) player at WHS and URI and now is a nurse at Beth Israel Hospital helping COVID-19 patients. (courtesy photo).

Morales earns a fencing bronze medal at Jr. Pan Am Games

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WILMINGTON -- There are three thousand, six hundred, and forty-nine miles separating the town of Wilmington from the Central American city of San Salvador, El Salvador. Conversely, the standard fencing saber is slightly more than three feet long.

Recently, Wilmington's Jessica Morales made the trip to San Salvador and put her talents and her saber to good use, earning a fencing bronze medal in the Junior Pan Am Games.

Morales, who graduated from Wilmington High School in 2019, won three bouts including an upset win over the world's 4th-ranked junior fencer, before suffering a defeat in the semifinals. As a result of this achievement, the Brandeis freshman was honored as Women's Fencer of the Week in March by the UAA (University Athletic Association).

Morales, 18, took up the sport of fencing as a 9-year-old after spending time with her dad, Cesar, who owns a fencing facility in West Roxbury.

"As a kid, I really didn't like the sport and my dad never tried to twist my arm to get involved, even though he was a coach and owned his own club," said Morales, who also spent considerable time observing her father at Brandeis, where he worked as an assistant fencing coach. "But one day, I decided to try it. Since then, it has been the one and only sport for me."

As a youth, Morales took part in competitions and developed her craft as she progressed through the designated fencing age

groups up to Junior which is where she currently competes. Surprisingly, there are ample opportunities in youth fencing, particularly in this region.

"Fencing is not super-popular throughout the United States but here in New England, there are competitions just about every weekend for all ages and categories," Morales explained.

Morales and her family relocated to Wilmington from Revere when she was in the second grade, as she recalls. She performed well in the Wilmington school system, earning high marks academically while immersing herself further into fencing. As a student at Wilmington High School, Morales' college search led her back to her father's former employer, Brandeis University in Waltham.

"Jessica could have been a scholarship athlete at a number of Division 1 schools, including Notre Dame, Penn State, Duke, or UNC," said her Brandeis fencing Coach Jennifer Dhondt Salmon. "We were lucky she chose Brandeis."

"I also had a chance to go to Temple University," said Morales. "When it came down to choosing, I had my list down to Temple or Brandeis. I carefully listed the pros and cons of each school. The pro of Temple would have been attending a Division 1 school, with a scholarship, and all the athletic privileges that go with that. But I realized I wanted to go into medicine and Brandeis has one of the best programs in the country. Living close to home would allow me to excel academically, work out in a familiar

club, and have my dad's coaching expertise nearby."

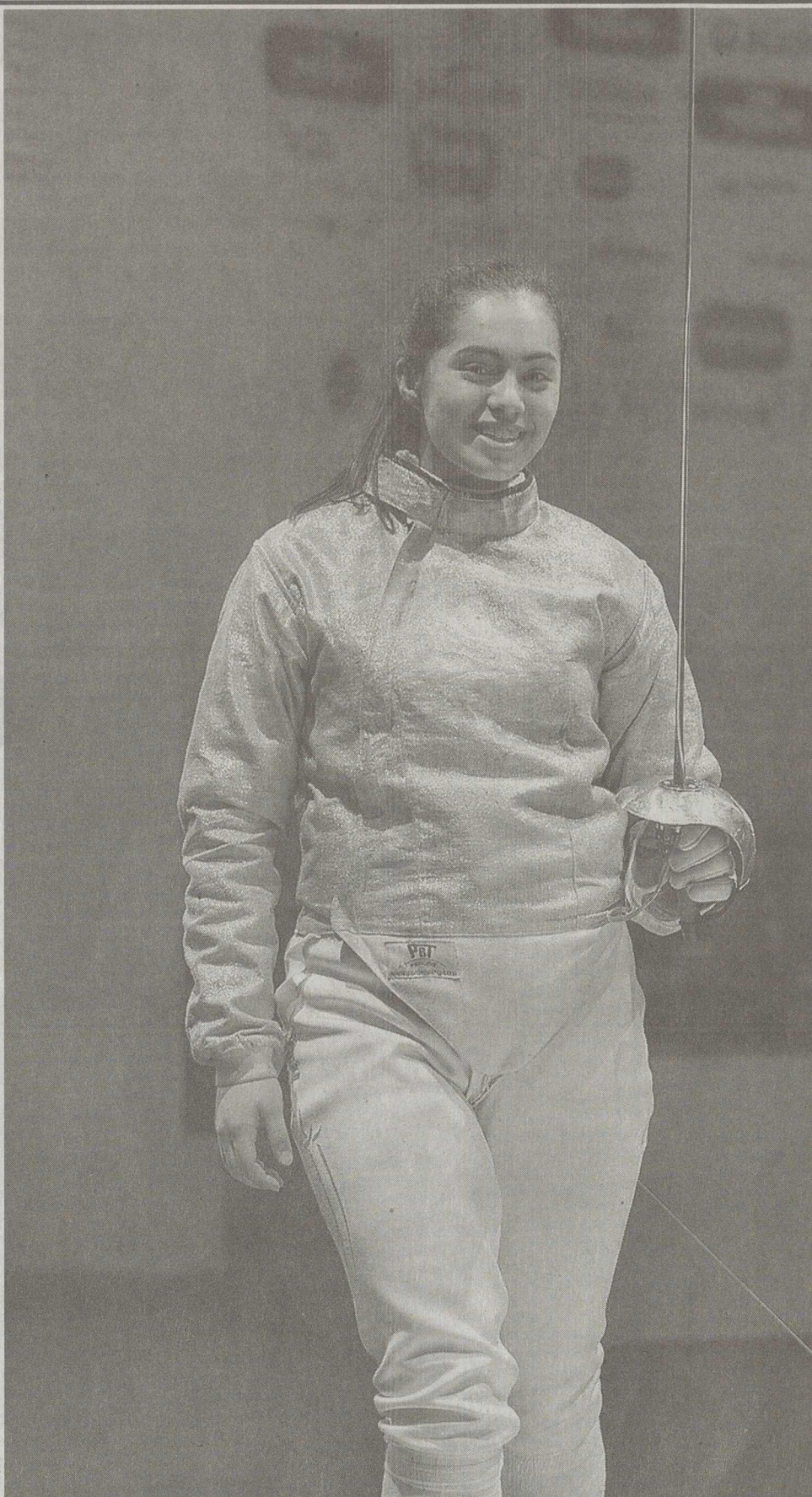
According to Coach Salmon, Morales doesn't lose much athletically with her decision to attend a Division 3 school. She explained that in NCAA fencing, all three Divisions compete together. At times, Morales will square off against a D1 athlete and "holds her own among the best in the nation."

Salmon explained that saber fencing, which is the version that Morales competes in, can be complicated for the casual observer. There is a referee who monitors offensive and defensive actions, as well as what is described as the last aggression. But scoring is electronic, based on uniform touch points and in simple terms, a fencer who first scores five touches wins a bout. In team fencing, the first to win fourteen bouts claims victory.

Recently, Brandeis qualified for the NCAA fencing championships but like many other athletic teams across the nation, from the high school ranks to professional, saw their hopes of a title vanish as the Covid-19 crisis gained a foothold.

"It was devastating," said Salmon who last year, coached a team of forty-four fencers, including sixteen women. "We were able to qualify our athletes, including Jessica, for the first time in six years. But looking at the bright side for Jessica, she has three more years and I'm confident she'll get there again."

Due to a lack of organized teams in area high schools, Salmon finds most of her recruits at fencing clubs and USA



Wilmington resident Jessica Morales earned a bronze medal in fencing at the recently held Jr. Pan Am Games. She also competes for the Brandeis University collegiate team. (courtesy photo).



Jessica Morales competes in a fencing drill during the Jr. Pan Am Games held recently in San Salvador. She took home a bronze medal. (courtesy photo).

Tournaments.

"In the Boston area,

there are quite a few outstanding fencing clubs," she said. "Some have trained national and world champions and there are former Olympians who own some of these clubs. I find candidates in the Boston area but I also recruit throughout the country."

Like her mother Sylvia, Morales is a dual citizen, holding credentials in both the U.S. and Columbia. This allows her to fence internationally, on the world stage. Potentially, she could qualify for the Olympics, representing Columbia.

"In the Colombian system, there are a number of methods to qualify," Morales explained. "You need to earn a specific number of points but failing that, in each zone or continent; there is a competition that takes place to decide. I'm a hundred percent sure Columbia will send me and I'm confident I can do very well in that competition. If I win, I'll qualify for the Olympics."

Unlike most college-bound students, who often wait to decide on a major, Morales has been on a glide path towards her future career for a number of years. She stresses that medicine is her chosen vocation and will likely spend her career in pediatrics. When instructed to complete a senior project at Wilmington High, the topic for Morales was obvious.

"I decided to make my project teaching special needs kids in the high school how to fence," she shared. "That was really awesome. With my club, we teach blind students at the Carroll Center for the Blind how to fence, as well as Jimmy Fund kids recovering from cancer. I wanted to use all of that knowledge I had for a good cause. When I showed my project to some of the other Wilmington High students, they agreed it was pretty cool. It made me really happy to make some of these kids happy."

Star Baseball Player at Belmont Hill Although disappointed, McNamara understands game comes second

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WILMINGTON --

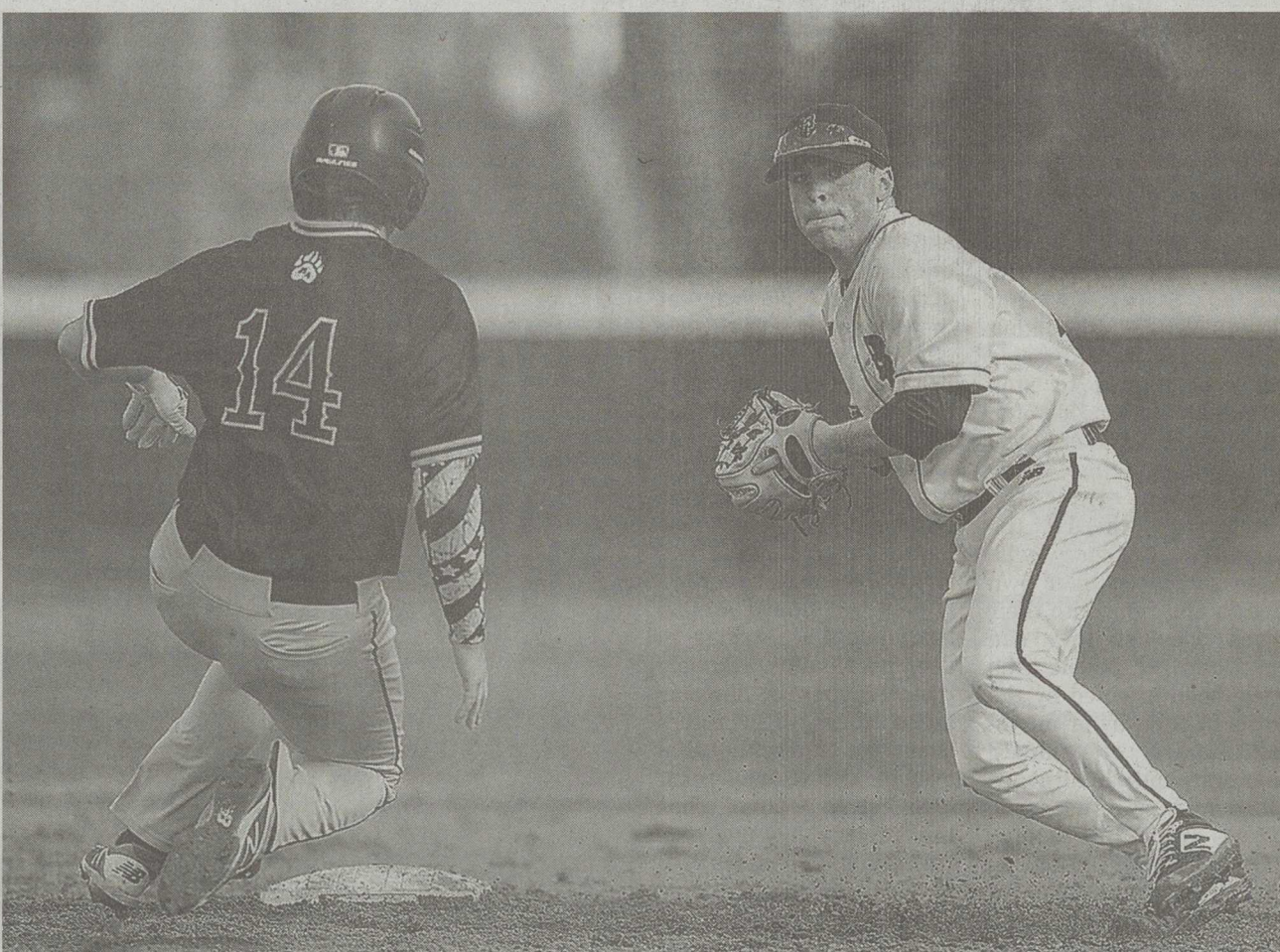
Recently, while reporting on the methods prescribed by experts to mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 virus, an area news personality stated, "This will become known as the spring that wasn't."

Certainly, such a comment has been heard in these parts before, but typically to describe a season disrupted by inclement weather, not an illness sweeping the nation that has led to drastic measures including asking people to remain in their homes, business closures, and the shutdown of school systems.

Obviously, with schools closed for the foreseeable future, it is likely that area sports teams will face partial or full season cancellations. Most of these athletes and supporters are understandably disheartened with the unfortunate turn of events, but there are those who are taking it all in stride.

Wilmington's Richie McNamara, for instance, understands that he will probably not see a baseball diamond as he wraps up his senior year at Belmont Hill, which is an independent boys school located in Belmont, Mass. Mature beyond his 18 years, McNamara realizes that while baseball plays an important role in his

MCNAMARA PG B8W



Wilmington resident Richie McNamara tries to turn a double play while playing second base for the Belmont Hill High School Baseball team during a game held last year. (courtesy photo).

Kylee (Rodriguez) Perrotta and Kaitlyn Cowden

Pair of former WHS Athletes continue to provide for their patients

By JAMIE POTE
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WILMINGTON -- There are countless number of nurses and doctors from Wilmington who are currently dealing with patients that have been effected in one way or another from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Since this story appears in the sports pages, we came in touch with several former Wilmington High School student-athletes, who are currently doing everything they can to help others, while putting their own safety on the backburner.

Among those who responded to us include Kylee (Rodriguez) Perrotta, a former cheerleader, and Kaitlyn Cowden, who was a three-sport star at WHS and went on to a terrific track-and-field career at Regis College, breaking all kinds of records.

KYLEE PERROTTA

For the past nine years, Perrotta has been a nurse and over that time, she has a background in medical, psych and hospice, but today she is a visiting nurse, treating people in homes, homeless shelters, group homes and assisted living facilities.

"I perform assessments, wound care, IV care, administer medications and I am basically the eyes and ears of PCPs," she said. "I can honestly say this is a scary time as a visiting nurse since we enter many places with COVID-19 and like hospital nurses, we are unable to shower or change clothing before entering our cars or homes."

Perrotta may not have the title of being on the

"front lines", she said she is still right in the middle of this pandemic, each and every day that she works.

"I have been taking extra precautions such as N95 masks, gowns and face shields," she said. "People in the community are very nervous and I have seen people react negatively to seeing me in scrubs, but also have seen

monitored. I go into homes in uncontrollable environments -- no negative pressure rooms and trusting my patients haven't used nebulizer treatments for the past three hours. If they have it, then the virus can be aerosolized and out me at even a greater risk. Also, visiting nurses aren't getting as many PPE (Personal Protective

to my family and exposing them. My husband Tim is also an essential worker. He works at the MBTA so our family is double exposed. Right now we depend on one of the day cares that are open for front line workers. My son is three and my daughter is two. I am lucky to have found one (day care) open close by but it has been tough.

else, has had to squash her social life.

"I had a vacation to Austin, Texas planned this week but have cancelled it and forfeited my PTO to stay working and help my co-workers," she said.

KAITLYN COWDEN

Recently, Cowden was mentioned as one of the Town Crier's finalists for the Female Athlete of the

own personal health issues, and today is returning that favor by helping others.

For the past 18 months, she has been a nurse at Brigham and Women's Faulkner Hospital and today, she is asked to help those affected by the virus.

"Since this whole pandemic began, things are a bit different at the hospital," she said. "Each day when we get to work we have to check in as we walk in to make sure we have no symptoms, we are given a mask to put on and must wear it the entire day. There's no visitors allowed in the hospital anymore which makes things difficult for patients, making the staff really the only people they see during such a difficult time in their lives."

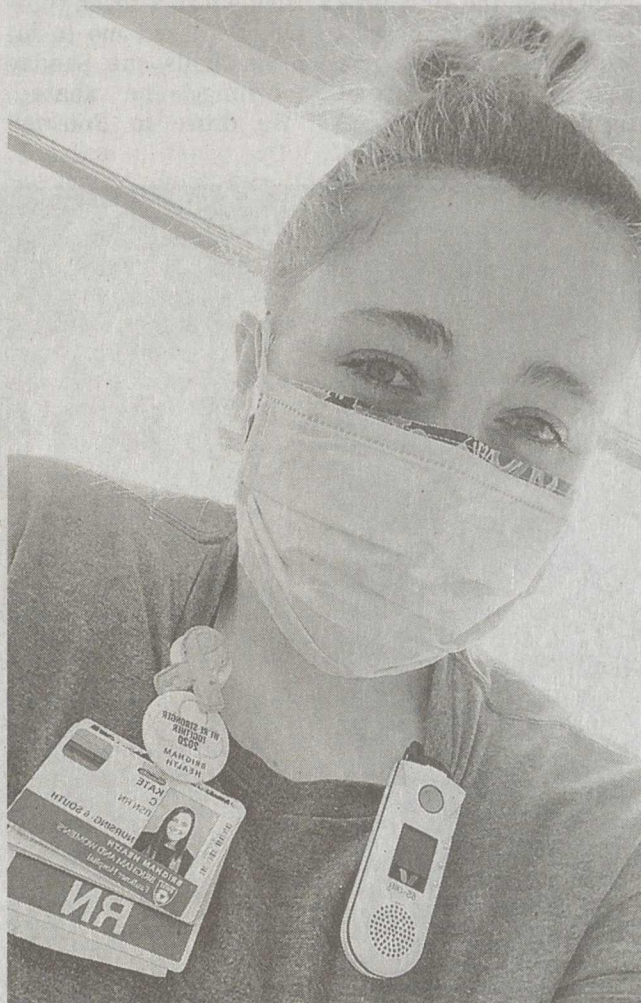
"The flow of the work day is much different now as we adjust the way we designate units to be specific COVID units to keep medical patients away from that population. Staffing has to be adjusted and policies are changing constantly. It's a scary time right now whether you work in healthcare or not."

While patients are struggling health wise, Cowden has continued to bring the same attitude she had as an athlete to the hospital each and every day.

"All I can really say about the employees I work with is that they are what get me through every day," she said. "Everyone is so supportive of one another and always in it together. No one ever feels like they're alone in fighting what's going on. It's a team effort and I'm very lucky to work with such an amazing team."



Above, Wilmington resident Kylee (Rodriguez) Perrotta and to the right, Kaitlyn Cowden, are all prepared before a work day, while helping patients with the COVID-19 Virus. (courtesy photos).



people thanking me. It's hard being a visiting nurse because people say 'well at least you aren't on the front lines'. When in fact I am.

"As a visiting nurse we are the patients discharged home from the hospital that need to be

Equipment) supplies that the hospitals are."

While she is doing all of that, Perrotta is married with two younger children.

"My anxiety has been through the roof," she said. "I am so worried I will bring the virus home

"My children went from their normal day care, teachers and friends to a whole new environment. This just adds another layer of stress to my life, but I am grateful to have my children safe for the day."

And she like everyone

Decade.

During eight years between high school and college, she excelled in track-and-field, mostly in the throwing events, while she also played hoop during her high school days. She overcame some of her

Stewart continues team aspect attitude

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multiple IV medications," she said. "I have also been working extra shifts in the overflow COVID-ICU where we have started a 'team nursing' model which includes ICU trained nurses working with nurses from the medical floors caring for multiple COVID-ICU patients together for the duration of their shift."

"There are just so many of these patients requiring ventilation and intensive care, the hospital has had to continuously expand ICU capacity to other units and find new ways to deploy staff to safely care for them. There seems to be a new change every day if not every hour."

Before the pandemic broke out, Robarge said that she really enjoyed her job, working in the ICU and taking care of her daily patients. But what she is going through now as a nurse is not easy, physically and especially mentally, to say the least.

"This pandemic has caused a total shift in my career as well as every medical professional I work with day-to-day," she said. "I love caring for patients in the ICU and the busy work flow has always motivated me. The difference now is the added stress of worrying if I may become infected at work or one of my co-workers or even bringing the virus home and mak-

ing a loved one sick.

"You can't go into a patients room without these worries being on your mind and it causes a notable constant tension at work that has rarely been there before."

"It's scary to see patients from every walk of life - young, old, healthy or having previous conditions - getting sick from this virus. You can almost identify a friend or loved one or co-worker in every patient you care for which is what makes it feel more personal in a way."

Much like athletics, you are only as good as the people around you, and Robarge is the first to admit that there's no way she could make it through each day without her Beth Israel teammates.

"I can't say enough about the support and strength my co-workers are providing one another during this time," she said. "Everyone is working so hard every day and under so much stress but we know we are all in this together. We are constantly checking in on each other whether it's during our shift or on our days off and providing support whether it's needed or not. Our managers, educators, nurse specialists and upper management have been working just as long hours and putting in just as much effort as



Wilmington resident Jennifer Stewart (Holding up 'FOR') and her co-workers at Brigham and Women's Hospital, have an important message for the American People during the COVID-19 Pandemic. (courtesy photo).

those involved in patient care to make sure we have what we need, we feel safe, and that we feel supported."

While Robarge's Hospital Family has been incredible, she hasn't seen her own family at all. She's one of four children - all athletes at WHS - with Nick, Caroline and Christian, while she has

an enormous extended family with aunts, uncles and cousins. She hasn't been able to physically see any of the family members, let alone share with them stories about saving people's lives.

"This pandemic has changed the lives of so many and I am grateful that I am able to go to work everyday unlike so

many others," she said. "The biggest change for me would be not being able to see my family. I come from a big family that is very close who usually see each other all the time."

"Now, because I am at risk of transmitting the virus from taking care of these patients, I haven't been able to see my par-

ents, siblings, grandparents or extended family which has been hard.

"Everyone has been extremely supportive and have been staying at home. This has allowed me to not have to worry too much about them which gives me the time to focus on my patients in the hospital."

Wilmington's 10th and final WOW Event to be a 'Virtual 5K'

On April 26, 2020, We're One Wilmington (WOW) was set to host its 10th and final 5K Run for Wilmington / Kim Forte Walk. Since our first communication, circumstances have changed quite a bit. The pandemic and need for social distancing has caused us to re-evaluate holding the road race as usual. After much deliberation, we have decided to turn the race into a "Virtual 5K."

What is a Virtual 5K? In a Virtual 5K, runners and walkers complete the 5K distance wherever and whenever they'd like between April 19th and April 26th - walk or run, outside or on the treadmill, in the morning or in the evening. All registered participants will be delivered their race packet and 2020 T-shirt in the weeks following the race.

In this time of uncertainty, the need within our

community will surely be greater than ever. With your 5K registration, WOW can continue the tradition of supporting local individuals and families during these most difficult times - not to mention it's a great opportunity to get out and enjoy the spring weather while doing some good!

We can all use a little fun these days and we have lots planned to add extra excitement to the

WOW Virtual 5K! We'll be giving out prizes across various categories for registered runners/walkers who email or upload photos of their participation - think drawings for family participation, best costume, oldest/youngest participants, farthest from Wilmington and more!

If you are on social media be sure to use the hashtag #WOWVirtual5K on your posts so we see

them and everyone can follow along.

We've got Two Cousins DJ and Karaoke preparing a special WOW Virtual 5K Spotify playlist to keep you entertained during the race. We encourage past participants to wear a previous years' race shirt to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of this community event.

How do I register? We hope we've convinced you to join the fun! Register

online by visiting our website at www.onewilmington.org. Remember to please walk or run by yourself or with immediate family only. Keep our communities safe by following social distance guidelines that have been put into place.

We hope to see you virtually April 19-26th!

Although disappointed, McNamara understands game comes second

FROM PG 6BW

life, the sport is of little significance in the grand scheme of ongoing events.

"Although I'm disappointed in ending my senior year like this and having the spring season in jeopardy, my perspective is there are people that are suffering right now," said McNamara, who moved from Somerville to Wilmington as a toddler. "It was talked about in school and the point that was made is we need to do what's right to stop spreading the virus.

There is stuff going on today that is bigger than any of us."

A lifelong shortstop, McNamara got his start in the Wilmington Little League under Coach Bob Mitchell.

"Richie was probably the one kid I had the most fun coaching in my 27 years," said Mitchell, who also coached legion, as well as high school summer baseball. "I remember the first time I met him when he was just nine. This little red-headed kid whose face lit up when talking about

baseball. He took great pride in learning the fundamentals of the game, even at an early age. He was a delight to coach."

Most parents would agree that the attention span of a seven-year-old is often limited to the next best video game but McNamara's father, Rich Sr., saw something in the youngster in those early days.

"I remember when Richie was a seven-year-old, he asked me to hit groundballs one Sunday morning," he shared. "We drove to Boutwell

Field and I hit balls for an hour straight. He didn't want to leave. That was the day I knew he would grow to love the game of baseball."

Young McNamara was introduced to travel baseball as a nine-year-old and thrived. He joined the New England Roughnecks organization several years later and spent four seasons developing his skills.

Since its inception in 2003, Roughnecks baseball has tasked itself with preparing prospects for the high school and college ranks. The league's mission statement reads "to provide student-athletes who aspire to play college baseball with the opportunities for development and exposure to reach their goals."

McNamara decided to attend Belmont Hill, which enrolls students from grade seven through twelve. According to Rich Sr., an instructor observing the youngster in the batting cage suggested the family consider a prep school. Academically, McNamara was perfectly suited to the challenges of the school's stringent curriculum and athletically, he wasted little time sharing his craft with the Hillies.

"I played with the seventh and eighth-grade teams at Belmont Hill and in the ninth, moved up to the freshman team," said McNamara, who also dabbled in foot-

ball and basketball during those early years. "In my sophomore year, I suffered a shoulder injury that required surgery. I didn't play at all that spring or summer but came back strong as a junior."

It was during that 2019 season that McNamara helped Belmont Hill claim its sixth ISL (Independent School League) baseball title in fifteen years. He batted .420 and added ISL All-Star honors to his extensive resume.

As McNamara explained, the ISL and its 16 teams do not use a playoff format to determine a champion. Instead, the club that completes the regular season with the best overall record claims the title.

"In 2019, we went 13-2 through the spring and it came down to a final game against BB & N (Buckingham Brown and Nichols), which we won, 4-1," recalled McNamara, who counts his mother Theresa, older sister Melissa, younger sibling John, and of course, his dad, as some of his foremost supporters. "Down the stretch, we were in a battle for the top spot with St. Sebastian's, Roxbury Latin, and BB & N. If we had lost that finale, we would have ended up in a three-way tie."

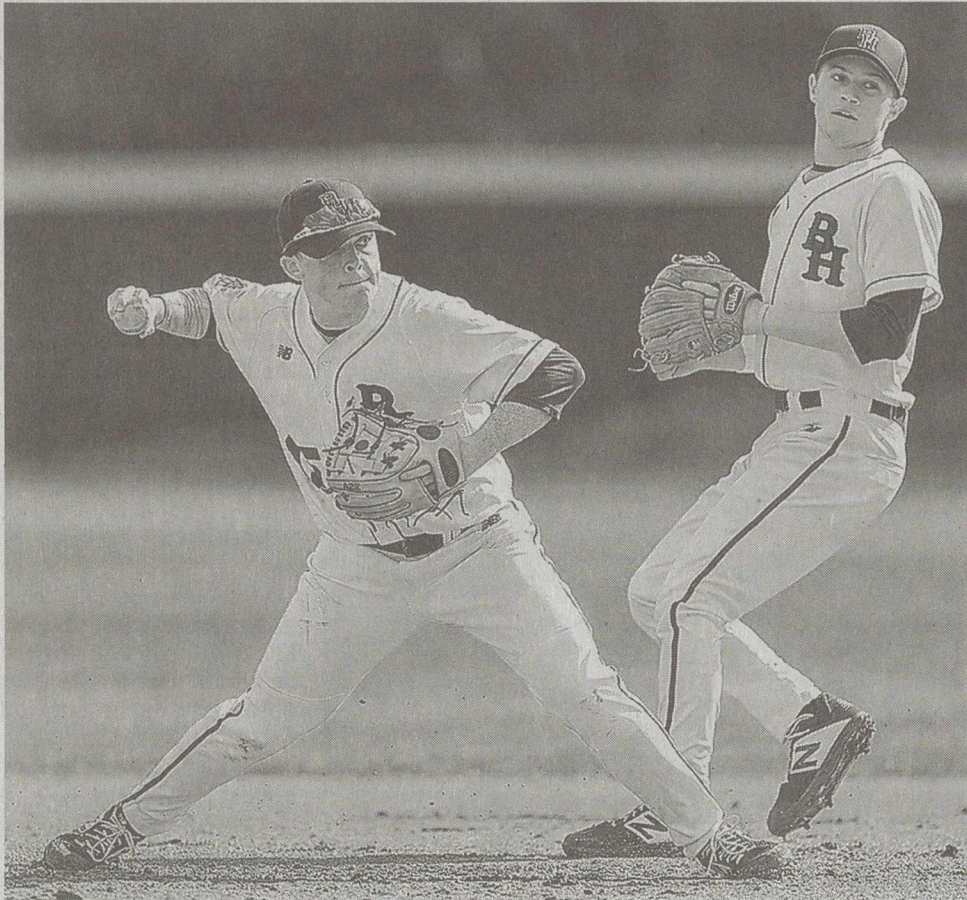
If the high school spring season doesn't materialize, McNamara has a lot to look forward

to next year; namely bringing his talents and academic excellence to Brunswick, Maine and Bowdoin College. Based on discussions with his high school coach and a number of scouting trips to watch him ply his trade with the Roughnecks, Bowdoin will soon welcome McNamara to the ranks of the Polar Bears in the NESCAC League.

"I love the way Richie competes," said Bowdoin baseball coach Mike Connolly. "He plays hard, has great at-bats, moves his feet defensively, and is always in a position to make a play. My final evaluation of Richie, after watching him play last summer was that he was a winner. That's the highest grade I can give a kid. I can't wait to work with Richie next year."

McNamara, who was selected as team captain for his senior year with Belmont Hill and whose photo was featured in a recent edition of New England Baseball Journal, is looking forward to making the trip north and has done all he can to remain in baseball shape during the current hiatus.

"I've been working out at home and I have a net in my backyard so I'm able to hit and throw," said McNamara. "I've also been taking ground balls from my dad. I'm pretty excited about playing ball at Bowdoin next spring."



Wilmington resident Richie McNamara takes a warm up groundball before playing for Belmont Hill during a game held last season. (courtesy photo).

LEGAL NOTICE



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Middlesex Probate
and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02141
(617) 768-5800

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. MI20P1619EA

Estate of:
George K. Small
Date of Death: 12/01/2019

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy has been filed by Wilmington Rehab Center LLC by Mina Imbriano of Norwood MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: Wilmington Rehab Center LLC by Mina Imbriano of Norwood MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve With Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 04/30/2020.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Maureen H. Monks, First Justice of this Court.
Date: April 02, 2020

Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate

200394 4/15/20

LEGAL NOTICES ARCHIVE

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To search the archive of previously published legal notices go to:

www.homenewshere.com
OR
masspublicnotices.org/Search.aspx

LEGAL NOTICE

STORAGE AUCTION

Crystal Warehouse Corporation: Announcing a sale in accordance with the provisions of G.L. c. 106, §4, for non-payment of storage charges and for the purpose of satisfying the warehouseman's lien thereon, the following various products used in the production of beer and hard cider including pallets of flavored seltzer spirits and equipment used in the manufacturing of beer and hard cider, including tanks and other related equipment will be sold at auction to the highest bidder. The sale will take place at 25 Industrial Way, Wilmington, Massachusetts 01867 via on-site auction May 1, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. commercial goods and property held for the accounts of Liquid Collective LLC, d/b/a Drink Design.
200389 4/8, 15/20

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF WILMINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS

INVITATION TO BID

One (1) set of Single Point
Video Detection (SPVD)
Traffic Signal Camera System

Sealed bids addressed to the Town of Wilmington and endorsed: "Single Point Video Detection (SPVD) Traffic Signal Camera System" will be received at the Wilmington Town Hall Manager's Office, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA 01887 until 10:00 am on May 8, 2020, at which time and place said bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Any bid may be withdrawn prior to the above scheduled time. Any bid received after the time and date specified will not be considered.

Bid specifications may be obtained by emailing wmartiniello@wilmingtonma.gov or at the Town's website: <http://www.wilmingtonma.gov/purchasing-department>.

The bid and all documents submitted with it are public records.

Purchases by the Town of Wilmington are exempt from any Federal, State, Municipal and/or excise tax.

The Town of Wilmington reserves the right to waive any formality and/or to reject any or all bids or any parts thereof deemed not to be in the best interest of the Town of Wilmington.

The bid package sheets must be completed by bidder. The bid must be signed by bidder if bidder is an individual; by one of the partners if a partnership; by an authorized officer if a corporation.

Questions concerning this Invitation to Bid must be submitted in writing and emailed to JLobao@wilmingtonma.gov.

Jeffrey M. Hull
Town Manager
200396 4/15/20

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF WILMINGTON DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids for furnishing the following products and services for Fiscal Year 2021 (July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021) to the Town of Wilmington, Massachusetts, will be received by mail at the Office of the Town Manager, Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, Massachusetts 01887, until:

10:00 AM on Friday, May 15, 2020 where and when they will be publicly opened and read:

1. Fire Hydrants
2. Valve & Curb Boxes
3. Gate Valves
4. Misc. Water Supplies
5. Ductile Iron Pipe
6. Water Quality Laboratory Services
7. Generator Maintenance
8. Instrumentation

Bid Specifications may be obtained at the Town of Wilmington Purchasing Department website: <https://www.wilmingtonma.gov/purchasing-department> or by emailing wmartiniello@wilmingtonma.gov

wilmingtonma.gov

Mail original bid to the Town Manager, Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, Massachusetts 01887. Mark each envelope: "Bid on (identify specific product) to be opened at 10:00 AM on May 15, 2020." Items will be opened individually so vendors bidding on multiple products should submit one envelope per item.

Quantities shown on bid sheet are approximate only and will be used for comparison of bids.

Purchases by the Town of Wilmington are exempt from any Federal, State, Municipal and/or excise tax.

The Town of Wilmington reserves the right to waive any formality and/or to reject any or all bids or any parts thereof deemed not to be in the best interest of the Town of Wilmington.

The bidder certifies under penalties of perjury that this bid has been made and submitted in good faith and without collusion or fraud with any other person. As used in this certification, the word "person" shall mean any natural person, business, partnership, corporation, union, committee, club or other organization, entity, or group of individuals.

Jeffrey M. Hull,
Town Manager
200402 4/15/20

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF WILMINGTON DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids for furnishing the following products and services for Fiscal Year 2021 (July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021) to the Town of Wilmington, Massachusetts, will be received at the Office of the Town Manager, Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, Massachusetts 01887, until

10:00 AM on Tuesday, May 12, 2020, where and when they will be publicly opened and read:

1. Screener Rental
2. Guardrail
3. Pavement Markings
4. Roadway Management Services*
5. Bituminous Products at Plant
6. Crack Sealing*
7. Tree Planting Services
8. Stormwater Pond Maintenance Services

9. Catch Basin Cleaning Services

*Bidders must be pre-qualified with MassDOT to perform Chapter 90 work in order to receive bid specifications.

Bid Specifications may be obtained at the Town of Wilmington Purchasing Department website: <https://www.wilmingtonma.gov/purchasing-department> or by emailing wmartiniello@wilmingtonma.gov

File original bid with the Town Manager, Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, Massachusetts 01887. Mark each envelope: "Bid on (identify specific product) to be opened at 10:00 AM on May 12, 2020."

Quantities shown on bid sheet are approximate only and will be used for comparison of bids.

Where indicated, bid proposals shall include labor rates and must conform to Mass. General Laws, Chapter 149, Section 27, Department of Labor and Industries.

The bid for Items No. 4 and No. 6 shall be accompanied by a bid deposit (returnable) in the amount of 5% of the total bid. This may be cash, certified check or bid bond, payable to the Town of Wilmington.

A 50% Payment Bond is required for Item No. 4

As a minimum, all work shall be performed in compliance with the current Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) "Standard Specifications for Highways and Bridges", and latest supplements. Special provisions and amendments are listed within bid specifications.

Purchases by the Town of Wilmington are exempt from any Federal, State, Municipal and/or excise tax.

The Town of Wilmington reserves the right to waive any formality and/or to reject any or all bids or any parts thereof deemed not to be in the best interest of the Town of Wilmington.

The bidder certifies under penalties of perjury that this bid has been made and submitted in good faith and without collusion or fraud with any other person. As used in this certification, the word "person" shall mean any natural person, business, partnership, corporation, union, committee, club or other organization, entity, or group of individuals.

Jeffrey M. Hull,
Town Manager
200401 4/15/20

LEGAL NOTICE



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Middlesex Probate
and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02141
(617) 768-5800

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. MI20P1666EA

Estate of:
John W. Wynn
Date of Death: 09/14/2007

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Elizabeth A. Paglia of Lowell MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: Elizabeth A. Paglia of Lowell MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 04/24/2020.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Maureen H. Monks, First Justice of this Court.
Date: April 09, 2020

Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate
200404 4/15/20



Chandler, Pierce and Paige among those named to Globe All-Scholastic teams

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

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On Friday, the Boston Globe released its annual All-Scholastic section, honoring the top elite high school athletes from this past winter season.

Locally there were six athletes and one coach who were selected in their respective sport including Tewksbury High seniors Campbell Pierce (ice hockey) and Dylan Chandler (wrestling) and junior Makayla Paige (track), as well as senior Brenna Greene, a resident of Methuen who was a member of the co-ed Methuen/Tewksbury girls' ice hockey team.

In addition two Wilmington residents were selected, both goalies of the Austin Prep Ice Hockey teams with Andrew MacDonald with the boys and Lauryn Hanafin on the girls side. Finally, former WHS Girls

Hoop coach Jay Keane, in his first varsity season at Malden Catholic, was named the Division 4 Coach of the Year in girls' basketball.

Starting with ice hockey, Pierce was named the Merrimack Valley Conference/Dual County League Division 2 Player of the Year. A three-time all-conference selection, he finished up his four-year career with 103 points including 47 goals and 56 assists.

MacDonald was named the Co-League MVP of the Catholic Central League, taking over the duties in his first full varsity season. He finished with a 1.51 GAA, a .934 save percentage and posted eight shut outs.

Hanafin was also in her first year inbetween the pipes and was also the Co-MVP of the CCL, helping the Cougars share the Division 1 state championship title along with

Woburn.

Finally, Greene finished up six years playing for the Red Rangers. The defensemen closed out her career with 16 goals, 55 assists and 71 points and will be playing next year at Salem State.

Turning to wrestling, Chandler capped off a tremendous season and career as he was crowned the New England Champion in the 285-pound weight class. He finished the season with a 52-4 record, as the Division 2 North, Division 2 state and NE champion. He was also named the Co-MVP of the Merrimack Valley Conference Division 2 League.

He finished his career with a 150-32 record and as a two-time sectional champion.

In track-and-field, Paige took home yet another All-Scholastic honor. Among her highlights this

past season included posting a time of 1:29.70 in the 600-meters, which broke the marks in Massachusetts and New England, and was also the No. 1 time in the entire country. She also won the Millrose Games, was the state champion in the 300 and 600, the All-State Champ in the 600 and broke other school, league and state records.

Finally in hoop, Keane guided MC to a 16-6 overall record, which included a team comprised of all freshmen and sophomores. The Cougars won their first ever state tournament game over Snowden.

Besides the All-Scholastics, there were a large group of athletes from the area schools who were honored as league all-stars (these are combined all-conference, second team all-conference and all-stars, all depending on league rules).

Those include:

WILMINGTON (22)
Boys Hockey: Matt Pendenza
Girls Hockey: Melanie Hayden
Boys Hoop: Thomas Mallinson
Girls Hoop: Kylie DuCharme (MVP), Olivia Almeida and Jenna Tavanese
Wrestling: Joe Ganley and Shane Penney
Boys Track: Jeandre Abel, Greg Adamek, Isaac Avila, Jake Danieli, Brian Elder, Sam Juergens, Aiden McGrath, Pat O'Mahony and Sean Riley
Girls Track: Amanda Broussard, Kaitlyn Doherty, Hannah LaVita, Shannon Murphy and Julianna Patrone

SHAWSHEEN (32)
Boys Hockey: Chance Fitzgerald, Dan McGaffigan, Kam Neault, Nate Silva, JJ Thibert and DJ Williams

Boys Hoop: Santino Garofalo and Jeremy Perez
Girls Hoop: Shelby Bourdreau and Susanna Gillis

Wrestling: Frank Foti (MVP), Andre Comeau, Joe D'Ampolo, Devin DeLuca, Austin Dube, Jason Elias, Walter Humphrey, Aidan Leffler, Justin Merrifield, Lucas Moreira and Diondre Turner

Boys Swimming: Derek Costello, Damien Hadden, Zach Morris and Aidan Singh

Girls Swimming: Kinsey Boutwell, Dillon Lavallee, Kasey McFadden, Jacqueline Megna, Lee Singer, Tayla Tildsley and Alyssa Wallace

OTHER SCHOOLS (2)

Austin Prep: Eryn Taber (girls hockey, Tewksbury)
Governor's Academy: Owen Fowler (boys hockey, Tewksbury).

MIAA officially approves May 4th start date (pending pandemic)

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

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On Monday, the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association) MIAA met once again and put a final stamp of approval onto the spring sports season, should it happen, depending on the epidemic.

The Board of Directors and the Tournament Management Committee met twice over the last few weeks putting a plan together for a possible shortened regular season and sectional tournament.

During Monday's conference call, both groups acknowledged the fact that they wanted "a plan in place in the event that schools do return, while waiting to hear from a future recommendation from Governor (Charlie Baker)." In addition, one member said that, "school could still get cancelled for the remainder of the

year, or the state could cancel athletic events if school does not resume.

Furthermore, the MIAA again unanimously approved to start the spring high school sports season on May 4th, with games starting on May 12th and ending on June 27th (rain date of June 28th) again pending the status of the current pandemic. This would be for baseball, lacrosse, softball and tennis.

As for the state tournament for those sports, the regular season would end on June 12th, seedings would be announced on June 13th, and a sectional tournament would take place from June 15th-June 27th.

The playoff format would be sectional tournaments only - not state wide and all qualifying rules would be the same including a .500 record or better, top two teams (including ties) in each

division, as well as "The Sullivan Rule".

It was also confirmed that there would be no Division 1A Baseball Tournament, and no Individual Tennis Tournament.

As for track-and-field, it was determined that the regular season meets could run through June

21st, with seedings announced the following day for the sectional/divisional meets to be held on the weekend of June 27th-28th. The Pentathlon Meet would be held on June 25th but there would not be an All-State Meet, and Massachusetts athletes would not be allowed to compete at the New

England Championship Meet.

Finally, the MIAA BOD voted 18-0 to waive Rule 40 which pertains to out of season contact by spring coaches only with their student-athletes. There will be strict guidelines recommended, mostly limited to recommended workouts and viewing pre-

vious season's films.

All of this will be in compliance with Governor Charlie Baker, pending the COVID-19 epidemic, while each school's superintendent will have the final say on whether or not teams and athletes take the field starting on May 4th.

Year in Review with Endicott College Sports

BEVERLY, Mass. - Despite seeing the 2019-20 athletic season cut short due to COVID-19, the Endicott Athletics and Recreation Department was well on its way to another historic year at The Nest.

For starters, in regards to varsity conference championships, Endicott's field hockey, women's volleyball, women's basketball, men's ice hockey, and women's ice hockey programs all won their respective conference titles to give the Gulls five for the year headed into the heart of the spring season.

Endicott's baseball and softball programs were also situated first in their respective Commonwealth Coast Conference (CCC) Preseason Coaches' Polls headed into this spring.

Adrianna Favreau of Tewksbury, was among the returning players slated to be back on this year's softball team. Last year as a sophomore, she was named to the All-CCC First Team after batting .377 with 6 home runs and 31 RBI. In two years, play-

tioned were as follows, baseball looked to capture its seventh league title in program history, men's lacrosse envisioned flipping the script on its latest run of back-to-back CCC Championship appearances, the No. 20 nationally ranked women's lacrosse squad aimed its focus on completing a four-peat, and the softball program had its sights on defending its 2019 CCC crown.

In regards to the women's lacrosse, specifically, the Gulls were off to their best start (4-0) in program history since 2005 (7-0) and defeated their first nationally ranked since March 19, 2014, when they defeated No. 16 Trinity (Conn.), on the road, by an 11-10 score.

Lastly, the women's track and field program looked poised to make a splash in the CCC Championship this season after breaking several program records in its winter campaign. The Gulls also made their first-ever appearance at the Indoor NCAA New England Division III Championships to highlight their 2019-20 campaign.

Other highlights from the year included the women's basketball team's first-ever NCAA Tournament appearance, first-ever NCAA Tournament win, and first-ever victory against a nationally ranked opponent when the Gulls defeated No. 12/12 Scranton, 65-56, on March 6.

The football program also won the 2019 New England Bowl Championship behind local players John Kenney of Wilmington (running back) and lineman Justyn Lester of Tewksbury.

The Tewksbury Historical Commission has received an application to demolish the premises in Tewksbury at:

967 Main Street

The Commission will hold a virtual public hearing on Thursday, April 23, 2020, at 4:00 PM to determine whether the building is a "preferably preserved" building within the meaning of Tewksbury's "Demolition of Historic Buildings" By-Law, and to take other action as provided by that By-Law.

People can watch live at [YouTube.com/TewksburyTV](https://www.youtube.com/TewksburyTV) and call 978-771-0819 if they'd like to comment.

For additional information, contact Bill Wyatt, 18 Magna Vista Circle, Tewksbury, (978) 846-2520, or via email at Williamwyatt18@comcast.net. 200412 4/15/20

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on April 30, 2020 at 6:30 P.M. on an application filed by Lupoli Companies on behalf of Dascomb Road Development, LLC, for a variance from Section 5291 of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaws to construct an electronic message center sign/billboard located adjacent to Interstate 93 as shown on plans filed with this Board. The hearing will be conducted via WebEx and will be available for viewing on the following cable public access channels: Verizon Channel 33 and Comcast Channel 99. The public will be able to participate by calling 978-771-0819.

Said property is located at 146 Dascomb Road, Andover Assessor's Map 113, Lot 24 zoned Heavy Industrial.

The application may be examined on the Zoning Board of Appeals webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org. Robert Dugan, Chairman 200410 4/15,22/20

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY

NOTICE TO
TRADE CONTRACTORS

REQUEST FOR
QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ)
(MGL Ch. 149)
Tewksbury Elementary
School Project
Project #201502950025

Town of Tewksbury is seeking qualified Trade Contractors (Filed Sub-Bidders) MGL c149 for the Construction of a New \$77.5M Elementary School Project. Documents can be obtained through BidDocs Online, 04/15/20 after 10am at www.biddocsonline.com. Click on the "Bidding" tab at top, then click on the "Solicitations" tab at the left and click on "Current Listings" and on the RFQ name.

Trade Contractors include the following: Masonry, Misc. & Ornamental Iron, Waterproofing, Dampproofing & Caulking, Roofing & Flashing, Metal Windows, Glass & Glazing, Tile, Acoustical Tile, Resilient Floors, Painting, Elevator, Fire Protection, Plumbing, Heating, Ventilating, Air Conditioning and Electrical.

If further information is required, contact the OPM, Peter Collins at 617-823-3265. 200409 4/15/20

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY,
MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC WORKS
STORMWATER DETENTION
BASIN REHABILITATION
CONTRACT PW-20-18

SECTION 00020
INVITATION TO BID

Sealed Bids for STORMWATER DETENTION BASIN REHABILITATION CONTRACT PW-20-18, will be received by the Town of Tewksbury at the Department of Public Works office, 999 Whipple Road, Tewksbury, MA 01876, until 10:00 a.m., on Thursday, May 7, 2020 at that time and place Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. In the event the DPW offices are closed due to inclement weather, the bid opening will be postponed until the next day the DPW offices are open.

The total contract price of this contract shall consist of furnishing all labor, tools, equipment and materials necessary for

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY

PUBLIC HEARING

SPECIAL PERMIT
FAMILY SUITE

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on April 27, 2020 at 7:05 P.M. on an application filed by Paul J. and Mary Lynne Fansel Family Trust for a Family Suite Special Permit under Section 3400 of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw for a family suite not to exceed 1,000 square feet as shown on plans filed with this Board. The hearing will be conducted via WebEx and will be available for viewing on the following cable public access channels: Verizon Channel 33 and Comcast Channel 99. The public will be able to participate by calling 978-771-0819.

Said property is located at 147 Lowe Street, Assessor's Map 100, Lot 24, zoned Residential.

The application may be examined on the Planning Board webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org. Stephen Johnson, Chairman 200388 4/8,15/20

the complete and satisfactory performance as determined in the sole discretion of the Town.

Contract Documents are available after 1:00 p.m. local time on Thursday, April 9, 2020 by going to www.projectdog.com, entering Project Code 837848 in the project locator box, and following the prompts to a free downloadable bid set. Contact www.projectdog.com or call 978-499-9014 for distribution questions. No monetary deposit is required to obtain the documents. Contract Documents may also be examined, but not obtained, at the DPW office during the following hours: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Each Bid shall be submitted in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders and shall be accompanied by a Bid Security in form of a certified check, cashier's check or security bond in the amount of 5 percent of the Bid.

This contract has been written in conformance with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS FOR HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES DATED 2020 Edition. Additional supplemental specifications have been added where

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY

PUBLIC HEARING

SITE PLAN SPECIAL PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on April 27, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. on an application filed by Kazanjian Enterprises, Inc. on behalf of MIT, LLC for a Site Plan Special Permit to construct a 4,294 SF retail building with associated parking area, utilities, and stormwater management system as shown on plans filed with this Board. The hearing will be conducted via WebEx and will be available for viewing on the following cable public access channels: Verizon Channel 33 and Comcast Channel 99. The public will be able to participate by calling 978-771-0819.

Said property is located at 2512 Main Street, Assessor's Map 94, Lot 65, zoned Commercial.

The application may be examined on the Planning Board webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org. Stephen Johnson, Chairman 200387 4/8,15/20

applicable and will govern in the contract.

Bidders may not withdraw their Bids for a period of 45 days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays, after the actual date of the opening of the Bids. Complete instructions for filing Bids are included in the Instructions to Bidders.

Minimum Wage Rates as determined by the Commissioner of the Department of Labor and Workforce Development under the provision of the M.G.L. c.149, §26 to 27D, as amended, apply to this project. It is the responsibility of the Contractor, before Bid Opening to request, if necessary, any additional information on Minimum Wage Rates for those trades' people who may be employed for the proposed work under this Contract.

The Bidding and Award of this Contract will be pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30, § 39M. The Owner reserves the right, in its absolute and sole discretion, to waive any informality in or to reject any or all Bids if deemed to be in its best interest.

RICHARD A. MONTUORI
TOWN MANAGER
TEWKSBURY,
MASSACHUSETTS
200397 4/15,22/20



ADRIANNA FAVREAU

ing 76 games, she has a .407 average with 9 home runs and 56 RBI, while being named the CCC Rookie of the Year in 2018. The goals for all four teams previously men-

Robarge sticking it out at Beth Israel Hospital

FROM PG B5W

multiple IV medications," she said. "I have also been working extra shifts in the overflow COVID-ICU where we have started a 'team nursing' model which includes ICU trained nurses working with nurses from the medical floors caring for multiple COVID-ICU patients together for the duration of their shift.

"There are just so many of these patients requiring ventilation and intensive care, the hospital has had to continuously expand ICU capacity to other units and find new ways to deploy staff to safely care for them. There seems to be a new change every day if not every hour."

Before the pandemic broke out, Robarge said that she really enjoyed her job, working in the ICU and taking care of her daily patients. But what she is going through now as a nurse is not easy, physically and especially mentally, to say the least.

"This pandemic has caused a total shift in my

career as well as every medical professional I work with day-to-day," she said. "I love caring for patients in the ICU and the busy work flow has always motivated me. The difference now is the added stress of worrying if I may become infected at work or one of my co-workers or even bringing the virus home and making a loved one sick.

"You can't go into a patients room without these worries being on your mind and it causes a notable constant tension at work that has rarely been there before.

"It's scary to see patients from every walk of life - young, old, healthy or having previous conditions - getting sick from this virus. You can almost identify a friend or loved one or co-worker in every patient you care for which is what makes it feel more personal in a way."

Much like athletics, you are only as good as the people around you, and Robarge is the first to

admit that there's no way she could make it through each day without her Beth Israel teammates.

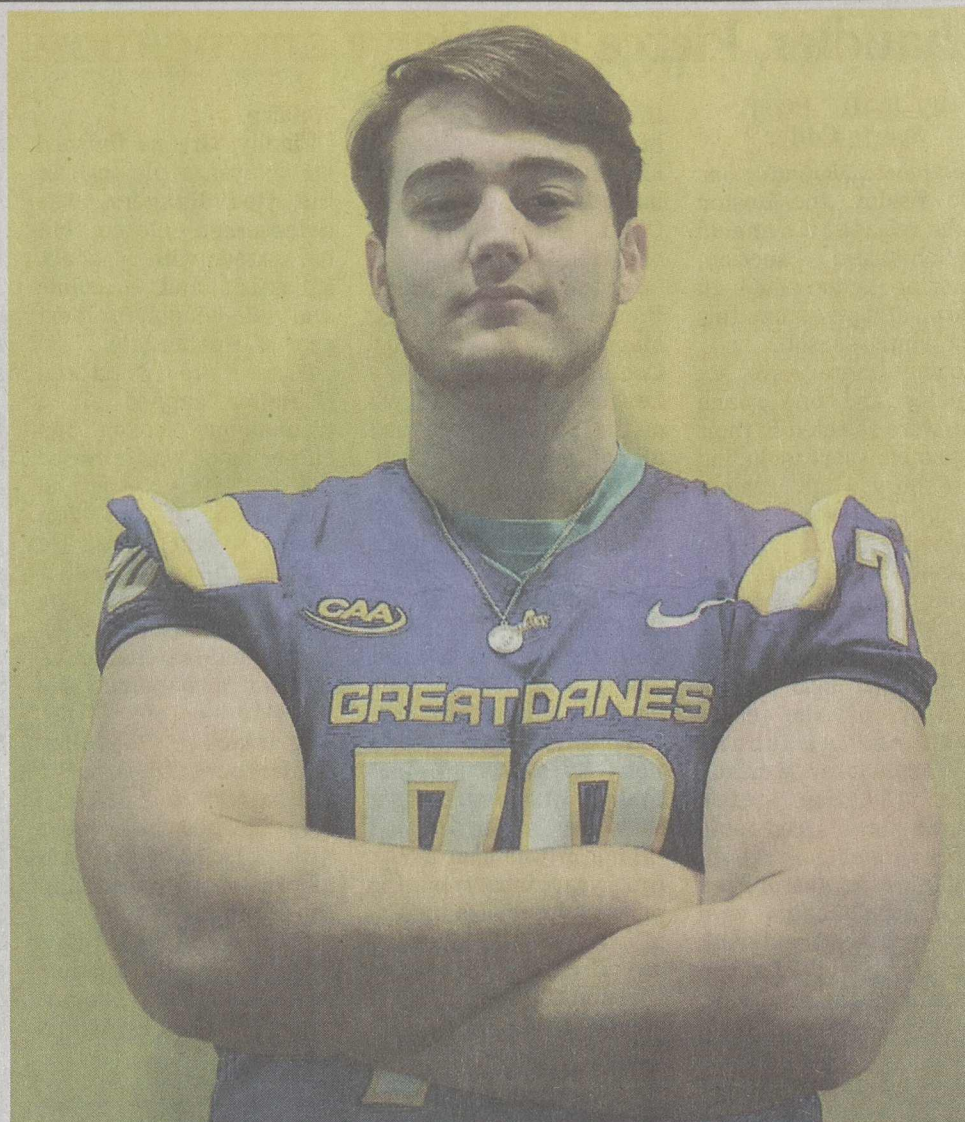
"I can't say enough about the support and strength my co-workers are providing one another during this time," she said. "Everyone is working so hard every day and under so much stress but we know we are all in this together. We are constantly checking in on each other whether it's during our shift or on our days off and providing support whether it's needed or not. Our managers, educators, nurse specialists and upper management have been working just as long hours and putting in just as much effort as those involved in patient care to make sure we have what we need, we feel safe, and that we feel supported."

While Robarge's Hospital Family has been incredible, she hasn't seen her own family at all. She's one of four children - all athletes at WHS - with Nick, Caroline and Christian, while she has an enormous extended family with aunts, uncles and cousins. She hasn't been able to physically see any of the family members, let alone share with them stories about saving people's lives.

"This pandemic has changed the lives of so many and I am grateful that I am able to go to work everyday unlike so many others," she said. "The biggest change for me would be not being able to see my family. I come from a big family that is very close who usually see each other all the time.

"Now, because I am at risk of transmitting the virus from taking care of these patients, I haven't been able to see my parents, siblings, grandparents or extended family which has been hard.

"Everyone has been extremely supportive and have been staying at home. This has allowed me to not have to worry too much about them which gives me the time to focus on my patients in the hospital."



Wilmington resident Chris Walsh will continue his football playing days at the University of Albany. (courtesy photo).

Chris Walsh commits to play football at University of Albany

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New York, while he also thought about doing a Post-Graduate year. He was asked about how and when Albany became interested.

"My recruiting process with Albany happened pretty fast and late in the game," said Walsh. "Coach Bobby Johnson, who coached the Offensive Line at RPI, recently got hired as an (Offensive Line) assistant and he immediately brought me in to check out the school, meet the coaches, and see if I was interested in playing for them. I instantly fell in love with the program and the school."

This past season, the Great Danes finished 9-5, which included going 1-1 in the playoffs, first beating Central Connecticut before losing to Montana State. The team also had losses to Central Michigan, Monmouth, Richmond and Maine as part of a very competitive schedule.

The 2020 schedule includes games with Delaware, Delaware State, James Madison, William and Mary, Monmouth as well as with Maine, UNH, Rhode Island, UMass and Stony Brook.

The 2019 Albany team had just three residents from Massachusetts, including brothers Joseph and Thomas Greaney of Bedford, and Elijah Ayers of Springfield Central, the team that defeated Tewksbury in the Division 3 Super Bowl in 2018.

Walsh said as of now he plans on studying political science but admitted that could change. Until that decision comes, he's excited about this opportunity.

"This means so much to me," he said. "My high school career didn't go as planned, but I always made sure to buy in and work my hardest. Having played for three high schools and always feeling like I was looked over, I'm excited to finally have a home for the next four years. I can't wait to get to work."

Walsh comes from a very athletic family. His father Michael was a star athlete at both Malden Catholic and then at Bentley University, where he threw 205 feet in the discus. Michael qualified for the United States Olympics in 1996, but elected not to pursue that dream.

Michael's sister Suzy was also an outstanding athlete at both Wilmington High and Bentley College, as one of the university's all-time track performers.

Chris's mother Cheryl, a registered nurse, has been an avid runner for many years and has competed in several Boston Marathons.

Also in the mix is younger brother Harry, who also stands at 6-foot-4, and will be one of the key returning players for next year's Austin Prep team.

"This means a lot to my family," said Chris, who also has an older sister Veronica, who attends UMass-Amherst. "Being able to be the first Division 1 athlete in my family means a lot to my family and I. My whole family has been extremely supportive throughout all of this and I know that my little brother Harry will be next."

Wilmington Youth Soccer offering five scholarships

The Wilmington Youth Soccer Association (WYSA) is proud to announce five scholarships will be awarded this year. Each of the scholarships will be for \$1,000.00. The scholarship program is open to all graduating seniors who have participated in the WYSA soccer program. Each candidate must submit all the following items:

- A completed application (with additional sheets, if needed) signed by the applicant;
- A copy of the applicant's High School transcript which includes grades at mid-year of the Senior Year;
- One letter of recommendation from a non-relative who is a resident of Wilmington or aschool-teacher or administrator.
- An essay (1 to 2 pages) describing both 1) the impact of participating in

the WYSA program had on you and 2) describe in detail the volunteer activities you performed for WYSA and the impact you had on WYSA.

Scholarship applications are available at the Wilmington High School's guidance department or under the 'Association/Scholarship' section of the WYSA website: www.WilmingtonYouthSoccer.org.

Completed applications and materials must be received (postmarked or emailed) no later than Friday May 8, 2020 to be eligible. The above referenced items should be emailed to the email address: VPAdministration@wilmingtonyouthsoccer.org Or mailed via USPS to: WYSA - Scholarship 2020, PO Box 107 Wilmington MA 01887.



Wilmington resident Hayley Robarge is a nurse at Beth Israel Hospital, helping COVID-19 Patients. (courtesy photo).

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